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A SON who cheated his epileptic mother out of more than £20,000 has avoided being jailed, as he cares for his two children who are disabled.

Paul Riches was supposed to be principal carer for 54-year-old Victoria Riches but he left her short of food while spending her benefit money on computers and electrical goods.

He also made more than 100 applications for loans under her identity but fortunately for Mrs Riches only managed to borrow £100, Stafford Crown Court heard. Riches, aged 31, of Hunter Avenue, Burntwood, admitted a charge of fraud.

Judge Michael Challinor suspended his 16-month prison sentence for 18 months 'with great hesitation' for the sake of his two children.

"It's a long time since I have encountered a meaner offence than this," the judge said.

Lonely

He told Riches: "You became your mother's carer in February 2012, she suffers from epilepsy, she was and remains a very vulnerable lady.

"She needed from you support, friendship and kindness – you stole her money, you obtained loans using her identity and you drew funds from the state which should have been used to look after her, but you used for your own benefit.

"You did nothing for her, she was left lonely, short of food while you frittered her money away on computers and electrical goods."

However, having heard that Riches and his partner have two very young children with special needs, Judge Challinor told the defendant: "You are a proper carer of two young children. If you go to prison, the family may lose their home, it will be catastrophic for the children. If I send you to prison, I punish them, not you.

"It's with great hesitation I pass this sentence, you richly deserve to go to prison for what you did to your mother, but the fact is the children are her grandchildren."

The judge also praised the housing worker who stepped in when she saw the state of Mrs Riches and revealed her son's fraud. The judge directed Donna Warden from Bromford housing association should get a £250 reward from public funds.

Mr Kevin Jones, prosecuting, said Riches's fraud on his mother amounted to £21,578, which included around £18,000 worth of benefits and £3,500 from her savings account. All that was left was a mobile phone worth £25.

Mr Mark Moore, defending, said: "His motivation seems to have been an inability to deal with debts.

"Whatever the sentence, it is unlikely to have any bearing on how the family feel about him and he will have to live with that."

By Laura Blyth

Special time of year for star Ben, 12

Ben, centre, with, from left, cousin Amy Bird, sister Charlotte Cooper, cousin Isla Bird, 21 months, and mother Jill

WHEN you've starred in three popular Christmas films, there's bound to be a bit of pressure on the festivities at home.

But Ben Wilby's mother is taking on the challenge and declaring it 'open house' on Christmas Day as she expects an influx of friends and family.

The 12-year-old, of Cannock, has reprised the role of Bob in Nativity 3 alongside Martin Clunes and Catherine Tate.

The film is proving a hit at cinemas, entering the nationwide top 10 at number three, so Christmas will always be a special time of year for the Wilbys – and they are determined to make the most of it.

Ben's mother Jill is preparing to cater for at least 10 people but says she would not have it any other way. The family are savouring life after doctors once feared Ben might never walk or talk again following life-saving brain surgery.

But now, 10 years on from the operation, he has gone from strength to strength.

He studies at the Sylvia Young Theatre School in London during the week and returns home at weekends. But he is looking forward to heading back to Cannock for Christmas on December 17. He said: "It's a special time of year for me and I'm really pleased the film is doing so well."

Mrs Wilby said: "Ben being in Nativity makes Christmas extra special."

On set with Catherine Tate

Alert over safety in new fire walkout

STAFFORDSHIRE'S Chief Fire Officer is urging people to take extra care following the announcement of a 24-hour strike by the Fire Brigades Union (FBU).

The industrial action will take place from 9am on Tuesday to 9am next Wednesday.

Chief Fire Officer Peter Dartford, also President of the Chief Fire Officers Association, said: "It is disappointing that further strike action has been announced.

"The concern is that people are so busy in the run-up to Christmas that fire safety is far from their minds.

"We need people to put it at the forefront of their minds though because nothing is more important that the safety and wellbeing of you and your family.

"We have put our contingency plans in place and we now need the people of Staffordshire to put their safety plans in place. We will answer all 999 calls and we will attend life threatening incidents but it will not be business as usual for us."

This will be the 13th round of strike action to be held since the dispute between the FBU and the Government began in September 2013 over pensions.

For safety advice visit www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/2722.asp

Toys appeal is launched

AN appeal has been launched for new or unused toys to benefit children and young people in Rugeley who otherwise would have nothing at Christmas.

Drop-off points are at St Josephs Community Centre, Lichfield Street, Three Wishes Shop, Upper Brook Street, and Pretty on The Inside Shop, Market Square.

The appeal runs until December 14. Gifts will be distributed through Staffordshire Social Services.

Call Debbie Coburn on 07970 380746 for details.

Opening hours at injuries unit cut

A CONTROVERSIAL cut in opening hours at Cannock's Minor Injuries Unit came into force this week.

The decision to save £750,000 was approved through the Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Unit and the changes from 8am-midnight to 10.30am-6.30pm came in on Monday.

Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) governing body approved the proposal to reduce the opening hours following a four-week consultation during September.

CCG chairman Dr Johnny McMahon said: "We believe that many of the matters raised have been addressed.

"These measures will ensure that the reduction in hours can be implemented from December 1 safely and appropriately to ensure patients continue to have access to high quality, safe services."

He added: "A range of alternative health services are available and we are communicating these in a number of ways to the public of Cannock Chase, including taking out advertising with the local media, producing and distributing information to households in the area and sharing the message at supermarkets and through schools."

For details go to www.cannockchaseccg.nhs.uk

Man hurt as cars collide

A MAN was taken to hospital after a four-car crash in Cannock town centre.

The smash happened at 3.40pm on Monday on the A34 Walsall Road at its junction with St John's Road. Police and fire crews from Cannock attended the scene near Aldi.

West Midlands Ambulance Service sent one paramedic, an ambulance and rapid response vehicle.

The injured man was taken to New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton.

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Plea on brother's graveside death

Pat Turner

A CANNOCK woman whose brother was found dead at their parent's graveside has launched a search for the couple who discovered him.

The grave where 65-year-old Tony Owen was found at Bloxwich Cemetery contains the ashes of his 93-year-old mother Irene Owen, who died in February, and father Reginald Owen who died 31 years ago. Mr Owen's ashes have now also been put in the same grave.

His sister Pat Turner, 66, of Benion Road, says she wants to thank those who tried to help the father-of-two, who had lived in Beeches Road, Leamore. Mrs Turner said it is believed he died after suffering heart problems and it had come as a shock to relatives. She said she had spoken to him on the phone hours before police visited her address and told her he had been found dead.

The mother-of-two said: "I was gobsmacked. The police said there was no foul play. The grave is in my name which is how the police tracked me down. Someone told me that a couple had found him and rang for paramedics. I just want to find out who phoned so I can thank them."

Mr Owen, a grandfather of five, was born in Walsall and grew up in Leamore and Bloxwich. He died on August 22.

Anyone who can help can contact Lisa O'Brien at lisa.obrien@expressandstar.co.uk.

£1m savings in merger of fleet maintenance

ALMOST £1 million of public money will be saved a year in plans to merge police and fire transport maintenance in Staffordshire.

Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis and Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire Authority's aim to deliver better value for money and better services for people in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, leading, they say, to a fully integrated system.

Under the plans, vehicle maintenance and procurement will be aligned between the two organisations.

The two organisations have been working together to establish exactly how the collaboration will work and how the most efficient approach to vehicle maintenance can be achieved.

The collaboration would see emergency vehicles from both the police and fire services being repaired and serviced at Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service's vehicle maintenance facility in Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent.

Combined

It is anticipated that the move will save around £950,000 a year after it is implemented and more than halve the time most police vehicles are off the road for servicing or repair.

A longer-term aspiration of both organisations is to see other public sector organisations join the combined fleet programme.

Mr Ellis said: "This is a common sense way of saving money and improving services at the same time by getting rid of duplication and sharing expertise. It is a template for what we should be doing across the public sector in Staffordshire."

Fire and Rescue Authority chairman Len Bloomer said: "This is an excellent example of partnership working that will result in substantial savings for the residents of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent."

Armed police swoop after gun reports

Armed police swooped on a house in Cannock town centre after reports were received of a man inside with a gun.

Officers arrived at the property in Wolverhampton Road near to the town's police station.

The police helicopter was also called in to assist with the operation.

Part of the road was closed off as a result of the incident.

The man, in his 50s, was detained and a search was carried out at the house.

However, police say no weapon was recovered and he was later released without charge.

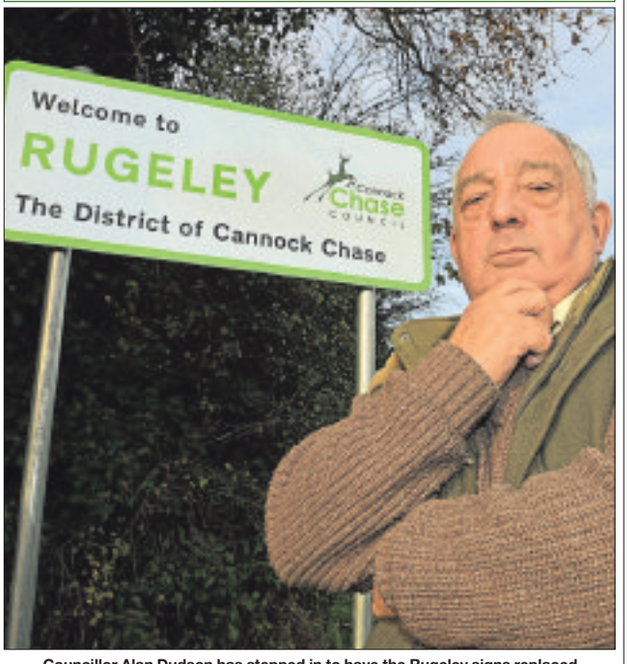
Staffordshire Police spokeswoman Sarah Davison said: "We were called to to Wolverhampton Road at around 4.20pm on Thursday following concerns being raised about the occupant.

"Due to the information received – that the occupant was in possession of a firearm – armed response officers attended along with unarmed colleagues," she added.

"A section of the road was blocked off while the officers resolved the incident," she said.

Police left the scene at around 5.30pm.

Villagers win battle of signs



Councillor Alan Dudson has stepped in to have the Rugeley signs replaced

A VILLAGE has won its fight to hang on to its cherished identity after signs welcoming people to their village were removed.

Residents of Brereton were furious when two new signs went up in the village welcoming visitors – to Rugeley. A campaign was started to have them removed.

Now a county councillor has offered to pay for not two, but five, new signs spelling out the message Welcome To Brereton.

Councillor Alan Dudson said he had received a number of complaints and was persuaded by the protesters' arguments. He said: "It's a nonsense. There should have been consultation on it before the Rugeley signs were put up."

District councillor Paul Fisher, who represents the ward, led the campaign to get them removed and have the old signs reinstated.

Councillor Dudson, who is spending more than £2,000 from his personal county council budget for the signs, said: "The people of Brereton deserve to keep their identity."

CCTV plea after shop window smashed

The image of the man

POLICE want to speak to this man in connection with criminal damage carried out in Rugeley.

The incident happened in the early hours of the morning when the front window of Gymnophobics in Market Street was smashed.

Officers from Cannock Chase Local Policing Team are keen to speak to the man in the CCTV image.

He is described as white, aged 20 to 25, of medium build, with short, light hair. He was wearing a casual shirt and trousers.

It happened on August 30 at around 2am but police have just released details.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Traders wait on winners

WINNERS of Cannock Chase's Best Local Shop and Market Stall 2014 competition will be announced this weekend.

Prospective Conservative candidate Amanda Milling has been running the competition to find the best local independent shops and market stalls in Cannock, Rugeley and Hednesford.

Nominations closed on Monday and she will be announcing the five winners as part of Small Business Saturday.

She said: "The competition is fierce with votes flooding in."

Ramblers ready

CHASE & District Group Ramblers are heading out on an eight-mile moderate walk at Castle Ring, Cannock Chase, on Sunday. Meet at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am departure. For details call walk leaders Audrey or Jackie on 01543 679958.

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Funding helps in speedier internet

BUSINESSES across Staffordshire are being helped to get the most out of faster broadband speeds thanks to funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

A series of free Optimising Business Broadband events are taking place across the county as part of the national BDUK (Broadband Delivery UK).

Councillor Mark Winnington, cabinet member for economy, environment and transport at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Our key priority is to bring prosperity and jobs to Staffordshire and superfast broadband is part of our strategy on how to achieve this.

"However, simply installing broadband isn't enough – the ERDF funding will show businesses how they can use broadband to enhance the way they work, whether that's by increasing productivity, saving money or growing their business through online sales."

Events across Staffordshire are being organised to promote how internet-enabled technologies can improve business. Call 01785 827600 or visit www.optimisingbusinessbroadband.co.uk

Firm picks up award again

A COMPANY with a base in Cannock has won an award.

Pentalver picked up the Global Freight Awards' Supply Chain Partnership Award for the second time in three years. The container logistics firm's Cannock site is home to its largest transport operation.

The winning entry highlighted its supply chain relationship with Dixons Retail and Damco. Penatlver was joint winner alongside Allport Cargo Services.

It won the same award in 2012 for its partnership with Autohub New Zealand and inspection firm JEVIC.

Carols at Piper

CARDINAL Griffin School pupils will be singing carols around the Christmas tree in the front garden of the Pied Piper pub in Cannock on December 12. There will also be a Santa's grotto on the night. Admission is free and proceeds will go to Cancer Research.

Thousands benefit in Help to Buy scheme

THE Government's Help to Buy housing scheme has so far helped nearly 6,700 people across the West Midlands region to buy a new home, official figures reveal.

In Staffordshire, 236 homes have been bought in Cannock Chase, with 130 in Stafford, 146 in Lichfield, and 71 in South Staffordshire.

The launch of the Help to Buy scheme is also widely credited with boosting the sales and profit figures of the UK's housebuilding companies, although most firms say last year's surge in demand has now cooled down.

Since the scheme, which provides mortgage guarantees and equity loans to help people buy homes, was launched last April it has helped more than 66,000 households nationwide.

Birmingham City Council is the highest performing local authority across the West Midlands – with more than 800 new homes secured by its residents.

In Dudley the scheme has helped people secure 379 homes, with 347 in Wolverhampton, 334 in Sandwell, 282 in Walsall and 122 in Kidderminster and Wyre Forest.

The scheme aims to support hard-working people who can afford a mortgage, but struggle to save the deposit required by lenders in the wake of the financial crisis.

Together with the Government's newbuy scheme, which offers 95 per cent mortgages for those buying new-build properties, the number of new homeowners across the country has reached more than 71,000. The figures show 81 per cent of help to buy sales involved first-time buyers, helping 54,000 get on to the property ladder.

Prime Minister David Cameron said: "In the aftermath of the great recession, the prospect of buying a first home was nothing more than a pipe dream for many thousands of hardworking people in Britain.

"Even those with a decent salary and who could afford monthly mortgage payments were not able to get on the housing ladder because they could not find a deposit."

M6 Toll at centre of protest against pay-to-drive roads

PAY-TO-DRIVE roads including the M6 Toll have been declared 'highway robbery' as part of a campaign.

UKIP said drivers who paid their road tax deserved free access to the entire transport network.

The party was protesting at the M6 Toll in Cheslyn Hay as well as at the Dartford Crossing in London, where toll booths have been removed. They are being replaced by a numberplate recognition scheme, which will fine any drivers who have not paid their toll, either by phone or online.

By Daniel Wainwright

The M6 Toll was built entirely with private funds and its operators Midland Expressway say it has not cost taxpayers a penny.

Recent figures show an extra 1,000 cars and lorries are using the M6 Toll in the Midlands each day.

Alternative

An average of 45,473 vehicles used the toll road daily from July to September this year – up 2.27 per cent compared with 44,462 last year.

It was revealed in August that an extra 1.6 million cars and lorries used the M6 Toll last year, boosting revenues as drivers sought an alternative to M6 hold-ups.

But Midland Expressway, which runs the 27-mile long M6 Toll, still racked up losses of more than £30 million.

The firm said the huge losses were caused by interest and repayments on the £900 million cost of building the road. Jill Seymour, UKIP transport spokesman and MEP for the West Midlands, said: "Whilst removing toll booths will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, many drivers will be unwittingly caught out – particularly occasional users and older drivers.

"But that is just part of the problem. Road users contribute some £50 billion a year through a variety of taxes, yet only around £6 billion is re-invested in the transport network.

"Charging to use our busiest motorways or trunk roads is adding insult to injury to the already over-burdened British driver.

"UKIP is opposed to this highway robbery.

"We want to block the introduction of any new toll roads, and work towards removing existing tolls from publicly owned roads. The taxes we already pay as road users should be more than enough to afford the best road network in the world."

Seasonal social evening

NORTON Canes Historical Society & Family History Group will be holding their Christmas social evening on Tuesday.

The event between 7 and 9pm will be held at the library in Burntwood Road, Norton Canes.

All members and friends are welcome and admission is free. Dates for the 2015 programme for the society will be available for distribution on the evening.

One of the campaign banners that have been placed in and around Cannock

Councillor Carl Bennett next to a new Spit Stop sign at Hednesford Park

Banner move in war on spitting

BANNERS and posters have appeared across Cannock warning people they face a hefty fine if caught spitting.

A clampdown on the habit was introduced by council bosses on September 1.

Now a series of banners and posters have been put up in various locations including on the fencing surrounding Hednesford Park, warning people what could happen to them if they are caught spitting.

No fines have been handed out yet since the launch, according to Cannock Chase Council's environment chief Councillor Carl Bennett. But he said the majority of people were still behind the move.

He said: "There are about eight big banners and posters around the district, as well as some smaller ones.

"No fines have been handed out to anyone yet.

"I don't want people to be fined for spitting. I want all of this to act as a deterrent to stop them from doing it in the first place.

"We fine people for letting their dogs foul on the street and for littering. Why not for spitting?"

On-the-spot £50 fines will be handed out by council environmental health officers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two months of roadworks start

TWO months of roadworks have started in Cannock.

Temporary traffic lights will be in place between 10pm and 6am on the A5, Watling Street.

Traffic will be managed in both directions between Walkmill Lane and Delta Way while improvement works on footpaths takes place.

Organised by the Highways Agency, the repair work started last night and the work is expected to last until January 17.

It comes as work on the Churchbridge Interchange reaches its final stages.

Firefighters meet course challenge

FIVE retained firefighters have been congratulated after completing a challenging three-year development programme to become fully competent.

Richard Froggart, Clare Carthy, James Shaw, Simon Poole and Debbie Jones have now passed all of the necessary tests to reach the level of a competent firefighter.

The firefighters are based at Chase Terrace, Gnosall, Abbots Bromley, Uttoxeter and Ipstones fire stations respectively.

Puppet show to entertain young

THE Museum of Cannock Chase in Hednesford is holding a festive themed fun day this weekend.

Activities will take place between midday and 4pm on Sunday at the museum in Valley Road.

There will be stalls for Christmas shoppers, and for youngsters there will be festive face painting and a puppet show. Carol singers will entertain visitors and entrance is free.

Kickboxing twins are in the medals

KICKBOXERS from Staffordshire have won a haul of medals in a major contest.

Twins Zac and Owen Evans, aged 17, from Huntington Kickboxing Club both won medals at the Unified World Championships.

Zac won two golds and Owen took one gold in the championships in Italy.

DVD of carnival

A DVD showing the highlights of this year's Brereton Carnival is now on sale at the price of £5. The event in July attracted more than 6,000 people. For further details, call John on 01889 586478.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

HOW democracy works. September: Scotland votes convincingly against independence. November: Whitehall announces Scotland will get control over its income tax. To the losers, the spoils?

ED Miliband, without a hint of irony, tells us the word that springs into his mind when he sees white-van man flying England flags from his Transit is "respect." Which is odd because the rest of us think: "Bet he's using a mobile phone."

A LABOUR bigwig on the radio was explaining how eagerly his party is recruiting working-class members. So when did you last see a new working-class Labour candidate fight a winnable General Election seat? Labour candidates are overwhelmingly middle-class and it helps if you are married to an existing MP or if your surname is Blair, Straw, Kinnock or Prescott.

REALITY check, please. Home Secretary Theresa May says Britain faces a terror threat "unmatched before or since 9/11." That's a nasty attack of amnesia, Mrs May. Have you really forgotten that before 9/11 we had 30 years of the IRA Troubles? That was real terrorism. Thousands of bombs were detonated all over the United Kingdom and Ulster. More than 3,500 people were killed and 47,500 injured. Since 9/11 there has been one successful Islamist attack on the UK, the 7/7 Tube bombings of 2005 in which 52 people died, plus the slaying of Lee Rigby by a pair of deranged psychopaths. To compare today's nebulous terrorist threat with the real, daily carnage of the Troubles is to rewrite history with no regard for the facts. The truth is that you are far less likely to be involved in a terrorist incident today than at any time in the 1970s, 1980s or 1990s. Why politicians want to convince you otherwise is anyone's guess.

MY poppy has arrived. Fresh from the mud of the Tower of London display, it is one of more than 800,000 ceramic blooms which captured the attention and imagination of millions. I can't recall such a successful, spontaneous, effective and efficient means of marking an anniversary and it didn't cost the public purse a penny. The poppies arrive neatly packed in a box with a booklet explaining the history of the display and a certificate of authenticity. Something to treasure. But this must not be the end of the Tower's part in the Great War commemoration. July 1, 2016 will be the 100th anniversary of the first day of the Battle of the Somme when about 20,000 British soldiers perished and 40,000 were wounded. The planting of 20,000 white crosses in the moat of the Tower would be a fine memorial to the carnage of that day and to a battle which is forever imprinted in the British psyche.

FIRST, GQ magazine names Tony Blair Philanthropist of the Year. Next, Save the Children gives him its Global Legacy award. Are we witnessing a worldwide epidemic of irony?

REMEMBER Me (BBC1), the new supernatural thriller starring Michael Palin proves once again that nothing makes us dive behind the sofa quite like dark old houses, creaky floorboards, flickering shadows and things suddenly going BANG! The old ingredients are still the best.

MEDIA doctor Max Pemberton points out to Bob Geldof that Ebola is by no means the biggest threat to Africa. As he puts it: "Diarrhoea kills far more people than Ebola. Why hasn't Bob released a single about that?" Possibly because the Diarrhoea Song already exists. It is often heard being sung lustily on coach trips by Year Six kids and, frankly, no-one would want to buy it.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Pharmacies start offering flu jabs

Staffordshire residents in 'at-risk' groups are being reminded they can now get their free NHS flu jab in pharmacies for the first time.

GPs currently offer free seasonal flu vaccinations to pregnant women, people aged 65 years and over and those with certain long-term conditions like diabetes, asthma or heart or lung problems.

Now, in addition to GP clinics, people in these at-risk groups will also be able to get the vaccination for free in local pharmacies at a time and place to suit them.

The new way of offering NHS flu vaccinations is part of a scheme being run by NHS England in Shropshire and Staffordshire. Stafford is also taking part in a pilot scheme offering flu vaccination to Year 7 and 8 pupils. Flu can increase the risk of developing more serious illnesses, such as bronchitis and pneumonia. People offered the free flu vaccination need to have it every year to ensure that they are protected against flu's effects.

Many pharmacies already offer flu and travel vaccinations to customers for a fee, and so are experienced and fully trained in providing this service. Now many pharmacies will also be providing flu vaccinations to people eligible to get them free on the NHS.

To get the free vaccination, people need to make an appointment or drop in, and provide proof of eligibility such as a GP's letter, copy of a prescription and photo ID. For a list of participating pharmacies, visit www.england.nhs.uk/mids-east/2014/10/30/flu-vaccination/

Heartache as burglars target nursery again

THIEVES have struck for a second time at a nursery near Cannock just days after it was targeted in a burglary.

Brownshore Pre-School Playgroup, based at the community centre in Hobnock Road, Essington, was raided again overnight on Friday.

This time the crooks made off with a laptop after trashing the office to get their hands on the item. It is believed they made their way into the building through a skylight. Nursery staff described the latest attack on their school as 'a kick in the teeth' and a £100 award has been put up to catch the thieves.

It follows a burglary at the nursery the previous weekend where petty cash was taken along with two brand new Hudl tablet computers.

By Adam Thompson

Wrecked

The break-ins in Essington are similar to a crime at Wolverhampton's Eastfield Nursery School where vandals wrecked the building before stealing the youngsters' Children in Need money and five iPads.

Staffordshire Police had said there was no indication the thefts in Essington and Eastfield were linked.

Lyndsey Drohan, manager of Brownshore, said: "A colleague of mine had gone into the nursery on Saturday morning because we were having our alarm system fitted.

"She initially thought there had been a leak in the skylight but realised it had been broken into. That's when we discovered the office had been wrecked and the laptop was gone.

"It doesn't have any major retail value. I have hours and hours of work on that laptop and now I will have to do it all again right before I'm due to go on maternity leave.

"I'm gutted; it is a massive kick in the teeth.

"We work so hard to provide this for the community and someone does this to us not once but twice."

Chairman of Essington Parish Council David Clifft said he will offer a reward of £100 for anyone who can provide information leading to the conviction of the burglars.

He said: "It's crushing for the nursery. The first time was bad enough but again is terrible. There have been a number of break-ins in Essington in the last few weeks and the nursery is obviously their latest victim."

A tree-mendous display

Christmas tree festival committee member Janet Bailey with the RBL tree

SHOPPERS in Cannock town centre can pop into a landmark church and get in the Christmas spirit as 70 trees are displayed by members of the community.

The popular Christmas tree festival opened at St Luke's Church on Wednesday last week and is expected to attract hundreds of people in the coming days.

It is free to enter but money is raised for local charities through donations in boxes in the church.

Members of the church have bought a batch of real trees to display, which volunteers have been decorating in their own styles.

At the same time, some fake trees have also been donated.

Organisations including the Royal British Legion have taken part in the event, which draws people in from across Staffordshire.

The RBL's eye-catching tree is draped in poppies rather than tinsel and baubles.

St Luke's Church is open from 10am to 5pm each day.

Prize for hole-in-one

THE time was right for a Cannock golfer when he scored a hole-in-one during a club competition – and was rewarded with a limited-edition BOSS watch. Kenneth Brown, aged 73, scored his ace with a three-wood on the 206-yard, par-three eighth at his club, Lilleshall Hall.

The 14-handicapper said: "I have been a member of Lilleshall since 1971 and never achieved a hole-in-one. My playing partner has had five holes-in-one before but never in a competition." The luxury German brand has pledged to reward club golfers with an exclusive watch for every hole-in-one recorded during a club competition in 2014.

Healthcare company in vow on 100 jobs

A PRIVATE healthcare company has opened a new base in Cannock and pledged to create 100 jobs.

Newcross Healthcare has opened new offices in Hawks Green. Bosses are advertising to find 100 permanent workers in the area including administration staff, nurses, healthcare assistants, home carers and support staff.

Newcross provides healthcare staff to the public sector as well as private and individual clients.

Business centre manager Rachel Bailey said: "The Newcross launch is a fantastic opportunity for Cannock residents to have the support of a highly professional national company that operates at a local level.

"Having grown up in this region I can really understand and empathise with the healthcare needs of the area."

Steve Churches, regional operations manager, said: "Newcross Healthcare is delighted at the opening of the Cannock branch."

Newcross was founded in 1996 and now has more than 30 branches throughout the UK and employs more than 3,000 permanent members of staff. Locally, the firm has offices in Worcester and Shrewsbury.

Lodge boosts opening time

BLITHBURY Reindeer Lodge near Rugeley is now open on weekends, Friday evenings, and during the day on December 22, 23 and 24.

Home to England's largest reindeer herd, it is complete with Scandinavian style traditional wooden buildings and a Christmas tree lined sleigh ride.

A visit to Blithbury Reindeer Lodge lasts two to four hours, but visitors are welcome to stay as long as they like within the opening hours for the day of their visit.

Prices start at £6.95.

Dates changed

SOUTH Staffordshire Council meeting dates in the new year have been changed.

The regulatory committee will now meet on January 20 and the overview and scrutiny on January13.

For details of meetings, go to www.sstaffs.gov.uk.

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Supplier's pledge to peg back water bills

SEVERN Trent has promised to peg back customer's bills after hailing a 'good six months' in which it saw turnover and profits rise.

The water supplier boasts that it has 'the lowest combined bills in the land', after delivering a below-inflation increase for customers for five consecutive years.

Despite holding down bills it saw turnover rise by 2.7 per cent to £947.6 million, and underlying pre-tax profit was up three per cent to £247.9m in the six months to September 30.

Severn Trent is now waiting for water regulator Ofwat to give the final seal of approval for its draft business plan. Coming into force next April, the new scheme is aimed at continuing to pin back prices below inflation until 2020.

Severn Trent supplies water and sewage services to 4.2 million homes and business in the Midlands and mid-Wales. It also provides sewage services to homes in Walsall, Sandwell, Dudley and Staffordshire supplied by South Staffs Water.

Meanwhile, the company has also confirmed plans announced last month to cut 500 jobs, which are mainly expected to go from its head office in Coventry.

Foodbank to say thank you

THE Cannock and District foodbank project is marking its second anniversary with a social event for its supporters and volunteers tomorrow.

The event at The Aquarius Ballroom, in Victoria Street, Hednesford, starts at 6.30pm and will include a live band, buffet and bar.

Statistics for 2013-14 will be announced and guests at the event will include local people who have received help. "This event is an opportunity to thank all of our dedicated volunteers for their continued help and support," a spokesman said.

Robbie's fashion

ROBBIE Williams is teaming up with Primark for a new fashion collection which will feature the Staffordshire Knot emblem.

The chart star has launched a 30-piece collection with the firm. Williams, outfits are launching in 15 branches.

Convoys veteran 'still going strong' at 91

Jack Reader

A GREAT WYRLEY war veteran who served on the North Atlantic Convoys is 'still going strong' at the age of 91, his family say.

Born and raised in Portobello, Willenhall, Jack Reader volunteered for the Navy at the outbreak of the Second World War despite being only17 at the time.

"However, he was turned down as he was in a reserved occupation – apprentice toolmaker – so a few days later he returned to the recruiting office, praying that he would not see the same officer, and volunteered again, this time claiming to be a labourer, and was enlisted," his son Dave said after reading about the death of David Samuel, who was thought to have been the last surviving veteran in Staffordshire to have participated in the convoys.

"By the time my father had completed basic training he had turned 18 and went to sea, eventually serving on the destroyer HMS Oakley on North Atlantic Convoy duty, serving as a forward gunner. He later received a shrapnel wound which severed a tendon in his right thumb, and he had to be put ashore for hospital treatment."

This may have been a lifesaving injury, as the Oakley was later sunk by enemy action.

Moving

"My father then served out the war as an anti-aircraft gunner on HMS Nelson," Dave added.

"After the war he went back to Willenhall for many years until eventually moving to Great Wyrley about 25 years ago, after retiring from his job as a toolmaker.

"I cannot say that he is the last man alive in Staffordshire to have participated in the convoys, simply that he is still alive after the Chronicle reported that the last man in Staffordshire to participate in the convoys had recently died.

"He is 91 and still going strong. He was awarded several medals for his work on the convoys including the Russian Medal."

Red is for go as dozens join in third Santa Dash

MORE than 40 runners donned bright red Santa suits and bushy white beards to take part in a charity dash through the streets of Penkridge.

The third Santa Dash attracted youngsters, adults and even two dogs. They wore Santa suits and hats and tackled a circular 1.2k route around the village.

Andy Richards, vice-chairman of Penkridge and District Round Table who organised the event, said: "We had about 44 Santas taking part which is a few more than last year.

"The weather was slightly better this year which probably helped.

"The Santa Dash marks the start of Christmas really." The runners set off on Sunday from The Star Inn and ended up back at the pub where the finish line was located.

It only took 15 minutes for the final runner to cross the finish line.

Enjoyment

Mr Richardson added: "We had adults and youngsters taking part. It's all about the fun of Christmas.

"It's not a race. It's for the pure enjoyment. Everyone got dressed up."

Penkridge and District Round Table is launching their annual Santa Sleigh Runs around the village and surrounding areas this coming Sunday.

Each year the Santa Dash and sleigh runs manages to raise between £2,000 and £3,000 for Penkridge and District Round Table. The money is then pumped back into good causes in the village and surrounding areas throughout the year.

On Sunday, Santa and his sleigh will be in Wheaton Aston and Lapley.

His final run will be on December 18 in the the Teddesley area of Penkridge.

The third Santa Dash through the streets of Penkridge attracted youngsters, adults and even two dogs

Tom Elsmore with daughter Violet, aged four months

Mark Cooper and five-year-old son Ted

Clubs ready for tours of estates

RUGELEY & District Lions Club and Rugeley Rotary Club will be starting their 10-night Christmas Float Run around the estates of Rugeley on Monday.

The tours from 6.30 to 9pm will feature a decorated sleigh with Santa aboard playing Christmas music as they visit various areas of the town.

The routes include Monday: Old Eaton Road; Tuesday: Colton Hill, Ridware, Leyland Drive, Rishworth Avevenue, Wolseley Road, Portobello, Richardson Way, Levett Grange, Wolseley Road, Albany Drive, Old Eaton Road. Bellamour Way and High Street, Colton. Uttoxeter Road, Rake End Close, Wade Lane, Oaklands Close, School Lane, Hill Ridware.

Wednesday: Station Road/ Chadsfield Station Road, Chadsfield Estate, Phoenix Close, St Anthony's Close; December 11: Etchinghill and Slitting Mill, Woodcock Rd, Crabtree Way, Avonlea Gardens, Dayton Drive, Lansdowne Way,Peakes Road, Riders Way, Brinkburn Close, Moorland Close, Briar Close. Slitting Mill.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Council alert on hygiene ratings

COUNCIL bosses are urging people to check the food hygiene rating of restaurants and pubs before they visit in the run-up to Christmas.

The Rate My Place website shows the rating of an establishment from zero up to five, with five meaning a very good level of food hygiene. Cannock Chase Council's health chief, Councillor Muriel Davis, said it was useful to 'look before you book'.

Currently, 94 per cent of food businesses in Cannock are rated three or better.

For more details go to www.ratemyplace.org.uk

Choir looking for new members

THE choir at St Augustine's Church, Rugeley, is looking for new members.

All ages from seven upwards are welcome, and there are vacancies for bass tenor, alto and soprano singers.

The aim is to recruit in January with a view to possibly changing the practice night. Anyone who is interested or requires further information should send their contact details to Paul Geoghegan on 01785 713419 or at paul@musicmakers.demon.co.uk

Urgent need for blood donations

SOME 4,000 blood donations are needed in the region over Christmas, health chiefs say.

This year, as Christmas Day and Boxing Day fall ahead of a weekend, there are worries that fewer donors than usual will get around to giving blood.

To book an appointment or to find out where your nearest session is being held visit www.blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 2323.

Potholes menace on forum agenda

A MEETING of Cannock Community Forum will be held on Tuesday.

Subjects up for discussion include potholes in the district's roads, wreaths laid on Cannock's memorial, and spraying to control worm casts on the golf course.

The meeting, in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre, starts at 7pm.

Theme is Frozen

MOAT Hall Primary School in Great Wyrley is holding a Christmas fair tomorrow from 3.45pm to 6pm. Admission is 20p. The event will feature a Frozen themed room with Frozen games.

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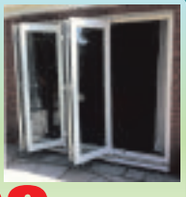

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

I'm really trying to get my head around all this Black Friday stuff, but as far as I can see it pretty much boils down to this.

People arrive at the shops two hours before they're due to open during one of the coldest months of the year, and queue outside waiting for the nice security guard to let them in.

Then there is a mad stampede, some people get hurt, some people get arrested, but the lucky ones get a giant all-singing, all-dancing television set with 20 per cent off.

Then the following day they switch on the said television set with its 10ft screen, high definition picture and surround sound. And they watch the X-Factor. No, I don't get it either.

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IN HIS weekly newspaper column, social commentator Rod Liddle laid into the man from Birmingham who dialled 999 to ask what the number he should dial if he wanted to call the 101 non-emergency police number.

He wrote: "Look, I don't think Brummies are thick. I'm not one of those snobs who hears someone with a Black Country accent and immediately thinks they got a room-temperature IQ. That's nasty and unjustified."

Be honest. You didn't know he was so broad-minded, did you?

But he is wrong. Very wrong.

Actually, most Brummies do think people with a Black Country accent are thick. It's why they call us 'Yam Yams'.

And if he bothered to look into the matter, he would find that there are no shortage of people in the Black Country who share similar preconceptions about our cousins from the big city. It's why we find Crossroads so funny.

You see Rodders, my old bean, the Black Country and Birmingham are different places. Different places where the locals have a sort of love-hate relationship.

Of course it's unfair, and even in the darkest depths of Darlaston, I suspect that people probably know in their hearts that Brummies are not really that much more stupid than the rest of us.

But let's be honest about these things. It might be 'nasty and unjustified', but it's flipping good fun.

Roderick, I normally enjoy your wit, but next time you want to write about people from the West Midlands, it might be a good idea to check your facts before putting pen to paper. Ask one of your colleagues from this neck of the woods, if you have any.

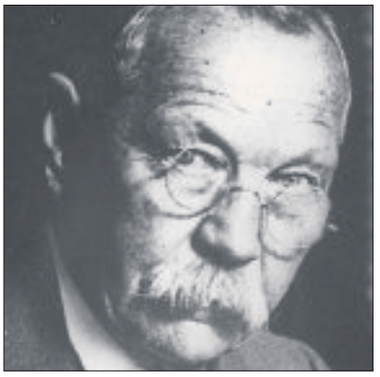
Because you see, me old mucker, people from Brum don't speak with Black Country accents, they speak with, er, Brummie accents.

Even the Brummies know that.

Maybe not the ones who ring 999 to ask what the number for 101 is, but most of them.

Martin Clunes during a break in filming at Dudley

Drama co-stars Charles Edwards and Martin Clunes



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes

Return to scene of crimes for Clunes

ANDREW TURTON on the making of a drama based on a case that intrigued the creator of Sherlock Holmes

ACTOR Martin Clunes has been travelling the country filming his latest TV drama but now the action has returned to the region where it all began – the West Midlands.

The incredible tale of a Staffordshire vicar's son wrongly jailed for an horrific attack on a pit pony and then dramatically proved innocent by Sherlock Holmes creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is to be told in a three-part ITV series.

The cast of Arthur and George last week came to the Black Country Living Museum to film in its authentic period buildings to recreate the tale which unfolded at the start of the 20th century and stunned the nation.

Producers turned to the cobbled streets and industrial canalside locations of the Black Country Living Museum to bring the new ITV drama to life.

Martin Clunes about to film a scene for Arthur & George at the museum

Gripped

Vicar's son and Birmingham solicitor George Edalji, an Anglo-Asian, was wrongly convicted in 1903 after a series of vicious maiming attacks on horses and other livestock, which became known as the Great Wyrley Outrages. The tale made headlines nationwide and it fell to Conan Doyle to play real-life detective to help to clear his name.

The Great Wyrley Outrages are the centre of a three-part series starring Martin Clunes, best known for Cornish drama Doc Martin and the comedy Men Behaving Badly, as Conan Doyle.

Film crews and actors – including Clunes – arrived at the popular heritage museum, in Tipton Road, Dudley, to begin a three day shoot.

The museum's buildings were transformed into the Staffordshire village of Great Wyrley in the 1900s when the outrages gripped the nation.

The tale has reached a new audience as in 2005 it was thrust back into the spotlight by author Julian Barnes whose Arthur and George novel was shortlisted for the Man Booker prize and has now been adapted for television.

Clunes finds his latest role intriguing. He said: "It's been a big change for us on the Doc Martin team."

The museum's canal and forge area are being used for filming. Extra set dressing has been brought in to create atmosphere. Actors will even be seen with replicas of the Cannock Chronicle, to read all about the sensational headlines of the case during the show.

Julian Barnes is not directly involved in the production, but has given it his blessing.

"I think Julian was tickled pink to see his book come to life for television," added Clunes, who is starring alongside actor Charles Edwards who has appeared in Downton Abbey.

"It's strange how people can't always see the difference between Sherlock Holmes and his creator.

"People keep asking me if Benedict Cumberbatch is going to show up."

Clunes, sporting a cap and fake moustache on set in character, added: "The costumes are great. The waistcoats and shirts are designed by angels. But I wouldn't have liked to live in Victorian times. I'm too much a fan of modern life."

Unusually for Clunes, filming is being done digitally so that Victorian London can be created via blue screen.

He said: "It doesn't really make any difference for the actors but the picture quality is amazing. Rushes are like Rembrandt."

George Edalji's ordeal began in part when a number of animals were found mutilated in the quiet village of Great Wyrley. The outrages reached national notoriety when anonymous poison pen letters in the name of the 'Wyrley Gang' were sent to the newspapers.

Edalji, whose father came from Bombay and was the vicar at St Mark's parish church, was sentenced to seven years inside Pentonville Prison for the Great Wyrley Rippings, as they were also known.

Fearing a miscarriage of justice and a racist element to the case, Sir Arthur and his trusted manservant, Alfred 'Woody' Wood, investigated and began a campaign to clear Edalji's name.

The Tipton Road museum has also recently been used for filming 1920s gangster drama Peaky Blinders.

Black Country Living Museum spokeswoman Laura Wakelin said: "We are very pleased that the museum is being used as a filming location in yet another primetime drama – especially one whose story is embedded in local history. "

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

If all goes well for the new leader of a Black Country council, he won't be in the job that long.

Pete Lowe is to take over the reins at Dudley Council because David Sparks is tied up with chairing the Local Government Association.

But he's also the Labour candidate for Stourbridge at next year's General Election.

If he wins that, he won't be able to juggle being in Parliament most of the week with being leader so would step down.

This assumes Councillor Lowe is confident of winning the marginal seat, of course. But it won't be easy.

Councillor Lowe is clearly highly respected within the Labour ranks, hence running unopposed. And with 42 out of the 72 seats on the council, it is not as though they were short of possible contenders.

If he wins Stourbridge and stands down, it'll mean the council ends up with its third leader in three years.

Ahead of his own selection meeting, Pete Lowe congratulated Mike Wood on being chosen as the Tory candidate for Dudley South, while also urging people to vote for Labour's Natasha Millward in the same tweet.

Dudley South's Tories decided to throw open the selection process to the public, copying the US system of open primaries.

Mr Wood, a councillor for the Dudley borough, was chosen from a shortlist of four with members of the public who live in the constituency invited to register to attend.

The press weren't allowed in but the Tories said 80 people registered and in the end 45 turned up. Labour seized on this as evidence that the party was heading for disaster. We'll have to wait until May to see.

And there was a brave face put on it by the Tories who blamed the cold, miserable November night for people staying in.

Still, it must have been good for the Tory members' egos to know there was at least one Labour member in their midst keeping an eye on proceedings and tweeting about the numbers.

Mike Wood will be replacing Chris Kelly as the Tory candidate. Mr Kelly is standing down as an MP after one term. But the new contender is following Mr Kelly by being a declared Eurosceptic. Mr Wood admits that David Cameron's renegotiation of Britain's relationship with the EU would have to bring a 'fundamental' change for him to want to vote to stay in if the promised referendum goes ahead.

That'sgoing to be an easier position to defend than being pro-EU and pro-referendum.

Labour doesn't want one. The Tories do. But what a mixed message they'd send if they promise to give the public a choice then hope they don't

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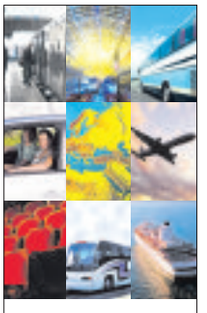
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Work to start on fun area in the new year

THE building of a recreation area in Armitage will get underway next year.

Work is expected to start at the site in the central green space of the Hawksyard housing estate in the new year.

The facility will have three sections linked by paths.

The sections will feature paved areas, play equipment surrounded by sand or grass matting, benches and picnic tables.

Play equipment will include an accessible roundabout, a balancing bridge, climbing frame, various swings and slides, a seesaw, a dedicated junior play zone and more.

Councillor Andy Smith, Lichfield District Council's Cabinet Member for Leisure & Parks, said: "We hope local people will enjoy using the recreation area and that it will be the heart of the community.

Neighbours

"It will be a great place for residents to meet their neighbours, use the outside space, and for children to make friends and have fun."

The first phase of the development will start with the hard landscaping, which includes creating the paths, laying the paving and clearing the ground.

The play equipment will be installed in the second phase.

The third and final phase will focus on landscaping works, including planting a small number of trees and shrubs.

Work is expected to start early in 2015 and should be completed in the spring.

For more information about the scheme, to see the plans, progress reports, and photos of the recreation

An artist's impression of what the recreation area will look like

Centre's crafts and carols

STAFFORDSHIRE Wildlife Trust is holding a day of Christmas crafts and carols at its Wolseley Bridge HQ on Saturday. The fun starts at 1pm with families invited to try a range of natural Christmas crafts.

Children can make natural seasonal decorations from materials such as holly and ivy, as well as making Christmas cards and wreaths.

People of all ages are then invited to a candle-lit walk around the centre's grounds led by Rev Mark Davys from St Michaels and All Angels Church in Colwich. The walk will feature traditional carols and readings, with minced pies and hot drinks served upon return.

The craft session takes place from 1pm to 4pm and costs £3 per child. There is no need to book.

The Christmas carols by candle-light walk starts at 4pm from the visitor centre and will last around 45minutes. There is a cost of £3 per adult and £1 per child with no need to book.

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We should be backing town shops

THERE has been quite a bit of talk about the Mill Green Retail Village but I am confused about the comments that it will bring more people and trade to Cannock.

Can someone tell me how they have come to this conclusion? It may bring in more trade for the Mill Farm pub, with people wanting a meal and drink, but I cannot see how it will be beneficial to anyone else.

When this retail village is up and running, people from out of the local vicinity will not be bothered about Cannock town centre. They will only be interested in visiting Mill Green for specific items they want to purchase.

I feel we ought to be supporting the traders in Cannock town centre.

Why can't some of these outlets that are interested in the retail village be encouraged to open up in the town centre, which I feel would be beneficial to traders and shoppers.

KITTY
Hednesford

Government's cuts have caused deficit

I REFER to the front page headline 'Council faces £570,000 deficit' in last week's edition of the Chronicle.

I cannot disagree with the figures quoted. However, it is important to understand why such a deficit exists and to re-iterate exactly what we intend to do to put this matter right.

The £570,000 deficit relates to the 2017-18 financial year and purely and simply relates to reductions, or to be brutally honest, cuts in government support. The report to cabinet indicated that the Revenue Support Grant we receive from government is set to reduce from £2.9 million in the current year to £1.1m – a reduction of 62 per cent or £1.8m to be precise.

This more than explains the deficit but also clearly shows that we have addressed £1.3m of the problem already.

The 62 per cent reduction only tells half the story since the council also faces further 'hidden cuts' in government support. I learned this week the grant we receive to support the administration of housing benefits will reduce by a further 12 per cent next year, in addition to the removal by this government of the National Insurance rebate for the public sector in 2016-17 that increases the cost of providing the council's services by over £200,000.

I can assure taxpayers that by the time a budget is approved by council in February the deficit of £176,000 for 2016-17 will be eliminated.

GEORGE ADAMSON
Leader, Cannock Chase Council

Blame does not lie with authority

STAFFORDSHIRE Police Authority has a proud history.Quality appointments and the authority's commitment to increasing the police budget enabled it to develop Staffordshire Police as the Best in Country.

But in 2010 the coalition government used the alleged deficit crisis to enforce massive spending cuts. The Police and Crime Commissioner has seen it as his mission to support these cuts.

Where does the Baswich HQ site fit into this scene?

In 2010 the UK economy was recovering. The Baswich site was ripe for sale.

Then coalition cuts sucked the life out of the recovery, damaging the confidence of investors or builders considering such sites as Baswich. So the Police and Crime Commissioner should address his complaint not to the former police authority but to the coalition government he supports.

MICHAEL POULTER
Police Authority chairman 2001-09

There are reasons for increased hours

I WOULD like to comment on the increase in Citizens Advice hours. CAB did not have any choice in the matter, because there was a threat of funding cuts if the increase in the hours was not implemented. But as the general elections are in six months the news sounds great to the public.

CAB have lost paid debt, benefits and administration staff over the past few years. Stafford Council's pockets are too deep to get anything from them and Cannock wants more done by fewer staff for less money. Other organisations that provided help to the mentally ill, homeless, consumer's and people in need have been closed.

So now CAB are having to take these problems on board as well. So although the CAB is still doing a great job in covering additional work created by the loss of these organisations, let's not be under any illusions.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

I cannot see how the two parties differ

IN response to Graham Wiggin's comments I don't believe his comments are correct. Unlike Mr Wiggin I cannot see much difference between UKIP and Tory policies, and for the following reasons I believe a vote for UKIP is a vote for a similar type of Tory policies. UKIP say they will leave the EU, but fail to point out the disadvantages of doing so.

The Tories say they will negotiate better terms and conditions with regard to our membership, but don't tell us what they will recommend in a referendum if they are in power in 2017 if they fail to achieve it.

UKIP say they will scrap the bedroom tax because it is hitting the poorest in society, but they still want to carry on with the same type of benefit cuts that are crippling ordinary people in this country.

At the end of the day I don't believe there is any credible difference between the policies of UKIP and the Tories.

PAUL WITTON
Cannock

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Any clues to name change?

AN old map of Cannock has a Paddy's Lane, now Dartmouth Road, I think. Anyone know why it changed and who Paddy was?

P KMIOLEK
Hednesford

Kindness is still evident

MY son-in-law lost his wallet. Someone found it and handed it in to Pye Green Chippie. It restores your faith in the community.

GEOFF LEO
Hednesford

We want proof work has improved area

AS two co-workers who use the Orbital road network several times a week, and live in the area, we just have one thing to say about the work nearing completion – Hurray.

Whilst we appreciate the works will hopefully improve the area, we won't believe this until we see it in action and it's proven. The signage has been very confusing at times, people who do not know the area must have been at a total loss, and it's been absolute chaos some days.

We have been told there are to be retail outlets on one of the islands. If this is true, surely it can only add more traffic, and more congestion.

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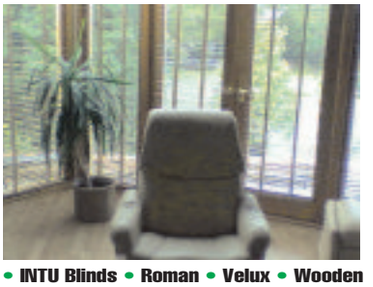

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Popular music venue for sale as owner to retire

THE TACKEROO in Hednesford has been put up for sale and the site could be transformed into housing.

The well-loved music venue is on the market for £290,000.

Over the years, the venue in Bracken Close has attracted big names including legendary pop star Alvin Stardust and a host of popular tribute bands.

But owner Geoff Summerfield has revealed he plans to retire next year – and permission has been granted by Cannock Chase Council to demolish the club and build new homes on the land. Mr Summerfield says he would love a buyer to swoop in and carry on running it as a music venue.

He said: "I'm 64 years old now and I want to retire. I've had the club for 16 years but it's time to move on. I want to sell it. I would love to sell it on as a music venue but there is planning permission to turn it into homes. It's all set up as a music venue."

Busy

The planning permission is to knock down The Tackeroo, which sits on the edge of Cannock Chase, and build 13 two-bedroom apartments in its place.

Mr Summerfield added: "It'll be a shame to see it go. There aren't many music venues around anymore. I know people will be sad to see us go."

The club is currently open on Fridays and Saturdays but Mr Summerfield said it was still busy on both those days. Live bands play at the venue on a regular basis, attracting scores of music lovers.

Before Mr Summerfield owned the venue, it was a working men's club dating back to the 1950s.

My Coo-Ca-Choo singer Alvin Stardust graced the stage of the Tackeroo in 2012. Other bands to have performed at the venue over the years include Soul'd Out and several tribute bands. There have also been numerous charity nights held there.

Singer in tune with charity

Reece McConnell is performing at a series of Christmas lights switch-on events and has recorded a CD and is also raising money for the Carers Trust

HE has previously taken on the role of musical legend Michael Jackson and now a young performer from Cannock is showcasing his talent again, this time to help charity.

Emerging singer Reece McConnell has produced his own EP and aims to raise cash for the Carers Trust. The 15-year-old is also performing at Christmas events and lights switch-ons.

He once played a young Michael Jackson in Thriller Live. The Great Wyrley High pupil is looking to raise awareness of the impact of being a carer on a young person.

Reece was inspired to promote the cause after helping to look after his grandmother Annie, aged 85. She had a stroke three years ago and lives with Reece and his family.

The EP is to be released online next month and will cost £1.99. For details follow @reeceontheroad on Twitter. The live performances include one at Hednesford tomorrow.

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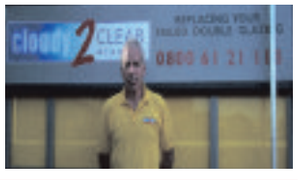

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Watchdog tells police force it has to improve

STAFFORDSHIRE is among 18 forces requiring improvement in how offending is investigated, a policing watchdog has said.

In its annual assessment of policing in England and Wales, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary said it was of 'material concern' that some crime victims are being let down by poor investigations.

Inspectors said a 'deficit in skill and experience of officers investigating crimes' and a lack of supervision was behind weak investigations.

But the Staffordshire force was also praised for being outstanding in tackling anti-social behaviour.

The grading is included in the PEEL Assessment – an acronym for police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy.

By Lisa O'Brien

Standards

The assessment said the force listens to and proactively involves its partners and local communities and was outstanding in providing value for money.

Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said: "HMIC's assessment confirms that, overall, policing in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent is in decent shape.

"Staffordshire Police is rightly recognised for the 'outstanding' way it tackles anti-social behaviour with local partner organisations and is 'good' at reducing and preventing crime. But the HMIC report suggests there is more to be done and standards need to improve around crime investigation.

"My office and members of the Ethics, Transparency and Audit Panel I set up last year have already taken part in inquiry sessions into burglary investigation and in December the same will happen on violent crime.

"This independent scrutiny will help drive further improvement."

West Midlands Police was also said to be good at reducing crime and and tackling anti-social behaviour.

Club owner is star of energy saving drive

Chris Simmons of The Chase Golf Club alongside an npower advertising poster featuring his energy bill savings

A BUSINESS owner in Staffordshire is set to become the star of a new national advertising campaign by npower.

Chris Simmons of The Chase Golf Club near Cannock is on track to cut his annual energy bill by more than £4,700 per year. As well as a renowned par 72 course, the club offers a gym, spa, restaurant and pro golf shop. It also regularly hosts conferences and weddings.

Since taking the helm, Chris had taken a number of steps to bring his energy bills down and npower has helped him make further savings with the installation of LED bulbs, changes to ventilation systems and voltage optimisation.

Chris said: "Energy has always been a significant outgoing for us and even more so now that we have expanded to include a gym, health club and spa."

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£14m care scheme wins prestigious design prize

From left, Housing Plus chief executive Debbie Griffiths, Councillor Janet Johnson, Housing Plus director Jo Grainger, group chair Dr Mary Griffiths, and South Staffordshire Council strategic development and planning manager Grant Mitchell

A £14 MILLION independent living scheme in Staffordshire that opened earlier this year has won a prestigious award for its design.

Pencric, an 82-apartment extra care scheme in Penkridge village, has been named 2014 Midlands Development of the Year by the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH).

The scheme was developed by the Housing Plus Group and is managed by its care and support company Care Plus. Members of South Staffordshire Council visited Pencric to help celebrate the award win. The council invested £1.1m into the scheme, which provides apartments for rent, purchase or shared ownership.

Councillor Janet Johnson, chairman of South Staffordshire Council, said: "I'm thrilled that Pencric has won this award from the Charted Institute of Housing.

"I have been involved in this project for the past three years and it is wonderful to see all the hard work and fantastic design brought to life."

The CIH awards recognised not just the design of Pencric but also the community and economic benefit it brings to Penkridge and the surrounding area. The scheme has a range of facilities for residents, many of which are open to the local community.

Jo Grainger, director of care and support at Housing Plus, said: "Pencric was made possible by a partnership which involved funding from South Staffordshire Council and the Homes and Communities Agency, and land from the former Silverdene Care Home which stood on the site, contributed by Staffordshire County Council.

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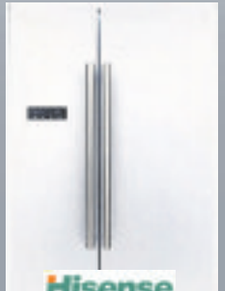

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Health switch survey not clear enough say bosses

HEALTH bosses have admitted a consultation into the transfer of services from New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton to Cannock was not clear enough, with some people left unsure about what the changes mean.

Multi-million pound plans will see non-emergency surgery such as hip replacements moved from New Cross Hospital to Cannock Chase Hospital.

Buses will transfer patients between the sites. In total 664 people replied to a survey about the changes. Despite the catchment area covering hundreds of thousands of people, The Royal Wolverhampton Trust Board said they were 'pleased' with the response but admitted they could have been clearer about what services were relocating.

Complex

Maxine Espley, director of planning and contracting, highlighted the near 9,000 strong petition handed in to the trust by Breast Cancer Action Group of Wolverhampton. She said that it had been signed on the understanding that all breast care was moving to Cannock.

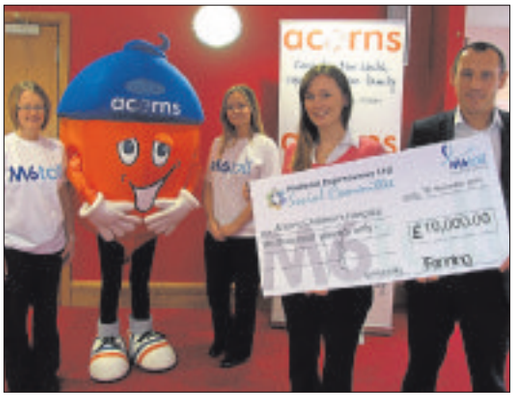
Only cases deemed as complex will remain at New Cross, with outpatients and day cases being treated at either site depending on the choice of the individual.

She said: "All in all it was always going to be a challenging consultation. Given the number of the services we are covering how do we make sure the information is clearer?

"There was some misunderstanding. An example was the Breast Cancer Action Group where the petition was signed on the basis that all breast care was going to Cannock, which wasn't the case. I think we need to be clear and have more clarity so there isn't a misunderstanding."

The Royal Wolverhampton Trust officially took over the running of Cannock Hospital on November 1. Miss Espley told the meeting that a number of concerns had been raised in the consultation.

Toll team's £10k donation



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MIDLAND Expressway Ltd (MEL), operators of the M6 Toll, have donated £10,000 to Acorns Hospice.

Members of MEL's social committee visited the hospice in Walsall which provides specialist care and support to local children and young people who have life limiting or life threatening illnesses, and their families.

MEL's £10,000 will be used for essential care and support, such as 320 hours of care, bereavement care for eight families for one year, the running and maintenance of two hydrotherapy pools and hydro-spa for one year (including 28 specialist sessions), community support for 10 families for one year or the laundry provision at two hospices for one year.

MEL director James Hodson said: "We are delighted to support Acorns and it was extremely emotional to see first-hand the home-from-home environment and the individual care which the Walsall team provides."

Charlotte Anson, new business development officer at the hospice, said: "We are so grateful for the support of MEL and are excited about working with them over the forthcoming months."

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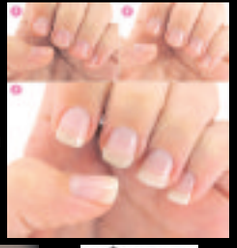

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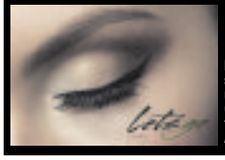

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WI members have a go at wreaths

Shareshill WI

PRESIDENT Margaret Beddard welcomed everyone to the "Have a Go" evening when members were going to be shown how to make a Christmas rag wreath.

Many compliments had been received about the club's 60th anniversary dinner. The president thanked everyone for all the support and hard work.

On a sad note the meeting was informed of the death of Bill Whitehouse – a good friend of Shareshill WI – who played Santa at Christmas parties for a number of years. A lovely man who will be sorely missed.

On Remembrance Sunday the president laid a wreath on the club's behalf and visited the exhibition in the church put on by Havergal School and member Barbara Williams on how two world wars affected the village.

Fourteen members had a good day out at markets day and were entertained by comedienne and singer Judith Hibbert before ex-Coronation Street actor Sean Wilson gave a talk on how he has become a prize winning Lancashire cheese maker.

The president introduced Kerri from 'Living in Loveliness' who runs the craft centre at Essington. Some 35 members had booked to make a Christmas rag wreath and Kerri proceeded to show how it was done.

The Heathside Group Carol Service is at St Luke's Church, Cannock at 11.30am on Saturday, December 6. At the club's own Christmas party, raffle prizes and donations for Air Ambulance are welcomed.

Ensuring others have a happy Christmas

Getting festive – Soroptimist president Dr Janis Lomas at Trentham Gardens

CANNOCK Soroptimists and friends got themselves into the festive spirit by visiting Trentham Gardens for a Christmas meal and a demonstration of tree decorating and how to make a seasonal door wreath.

The meal and the friendship was an excellent start to the evening and everyone had fun considering how they might decorate their own tree at home.

The door wreath inspired many to 'have a go' using items they could find in their gardens. Afterwards they enjoyed the opportunity for an exclusive shopping experience.

As well as enjoying Christmas themselves, Soroptimists will be doing all that they can to enable others to enjoy it too.

Cannock Soroptimists

They will be providing gifts for women and children at Pathway. Many women victims of domestic violence and their children will spend Christmas at a Women's Refuge run by Pathway or Women's Aid.

Many Soroptimists clubs in the Midland Chase Region support them throughout the year by raising funds and by providing toiletries. If anyone else would like to donate a gift, please phone Cannock Soroptimists on 07971 494510 or email si.cannock@outlook.com

Fundraising target surpassed

Ridwares WI

DAVINA Dryland addressed the October meeting with a talk on semi-precious stones and gems.

Davina, a geology graduate, is also a lecturer at Birmingham City University in geology and gemology.

Each month of the year has its representative stone, as well as a secondary choice. November's stone is topaz, the secondary stone is citrine.

The Ridwares WI held a successful Harvest lunch-where home-made soup and puddings were served to more than 70 happy diners. Everyone was thrilled to hear the year's £1,000 target had been surpassed for Midlands Air Ambulance.

A large contingent attended the Group meeting hosted by Kings Bromley and were entertained by Derek Tolson on 'Accents and Dialects'.

A full coach load of members and some spouses visited the Grade II listed Hall, Abbey-Cwm-Hir in Wales.

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Meal treat for pensioners

A group of pensioners will enjoy a Christmas meal out – thanks to a Facebook group which celebrates Ye Old Penkridge.

Group members share stories and photos of the village via Facebook.

They also share memories of the people they grew up with in the village. Facebook group administrator Julie Till said: "It was while sharing many of these stories that the idea of putting on a Christmas meal for some pensioners we know came up.

"Myself and fellow member Bev Speke arranged the Christmas meal." But the treat would not have been possible without the help of many people. The landlady of the Cross Keys pub in Penkridge is catering for no profit. Penkridge Round Table donated £750 towards the event.

Wine worth £100 was donated by the village's Wolverhampton Road Co-op; £40 worth of store vouchers were donated by the village's Market Street Co-op; and members of the Facebook group and villagers gave £190 in donations.

Police launch crackdown on drink driving

THE annual crackdown on drink driving over the festive season has been launched by two police forces. Staffordshire Police has released a hard hitting video of a drink driver who was left with horrific injuries after crashing his car.

Meanwhile, West Midlands Police is using a new drug testing kit for the first time this year and will again be naming and shaming those people who are charged with driving under the influence.

Staffordshire Police has released a video featuring a driver from Uttoxeter who narrowly escaped death last year when driving under the influence of alcohol.

It tells the story of Harrison King, who after a night out drove at speed through the centre of Uttoxeter – a ride which ended with his Ford Fiesta crashing into a house and railings, from which a metal pole crashed through his windscreen.

A severe wound to the side of his head was one of a catalogue of injuries he suffered, requiring him to be put into an induced coma.

Inspector Greg Jennings, who heads up the festive campaign for West Midlands Police, said: "Drink driving is a continuing problem despite all of the successes in reducing the number of offenders over the years and we continue to target drunk drivers who put themselves and others at risk when they get behind the wheel.

"However, it's not just drink driving that kills and injures – we see too many people who seem to think it is acceptable to drive when they are using, or have recently used, cannabis and other illegal drugs.

"Drugs impair reaction times just as much as drinking and so we will be out to catch those who illegally possess, use and drive with illegal drugs in their system." The force will be naming every person charged with a drink or drug driving offence.

Pool will close

A leisure centre swimming pool will be shut for almost a month from next week. The facility at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre is shutting on Monday for maintenance work and reopens on January 2. The rest of the centre will be open as normal.

Adam, 11, in £3k club fundraiser

Colin Becks, Adam Purchase and Jill Beesley

HE'S only 11 but Adam Purchase has already proved himself as an impressive charity fundraiser. The youngster organised a night of music and entertainment with staff at Cheslyn Hay Community and Sports Club and has now handed over a cheque for £3,000 to Macmillan.

An auction was held on the night with treats to bid on including tickets for a box at the Wolves and golf days.

As well as putting together the entertainment, he acted as compère and performed for 20 minutes himself.

This is the second time Adam, from Bloxwich, has worked towards raising money for Macmillan.

At only seven, he grew an eight-inch ponytail and cut it off for the charity, which had looked after Adam's grandfather before he died of cancer in 2010. Colin Becks, president at Cheslyn Hay Community and Sports Club, said: " "The charity work he does is unbelievable."

The £3,000 cheque was presented to Macmillan representative Jill Beesley in a special ceremony last month.

Comedy writer will stop off at library

A Staffordshire comedy writer is bringing her successful new tour to a village near Cannock.

Author Carol E Wyer will present Smile While You Still Have Teeth at Norton Canes Library, Burntwood Road, tomorrow at 6.45pm. Admission is free but places must be booked in advance.

The talk has been successful throughout the Black Country and Carol hopes to highlight the importance of humour in everyone's lives.

She has recently appeared on BBC Breakfast, Radio 2 and on Huffington Post Live Stream talking about the subject.

Her talk is a light-hearted mix of jokes and anecdotes to lift spirits in the winter nights. Based in Abbots Bromley she has written seven best-selling books with titles including Grumpy Old Menopause, How Not to Murder Your Grumpy, Mini Skirts and Laughter Lines.

Meeting of flower club

CHESLYN Hay and Great Wyrley Flower club will be presenting a demonstration by Janine Hall, entitled 'And it came to pass' today.

The demonstration will start at 7.30 pm, and will be held at the Salem Church Hall, Cheslyn Hay, WS6 7AB.

Admission is £6.50 to include refreshments.

For further information about the club ring 01922 413782 or 01922 477928 or go to the website Cheslynhayandgreatwyrley flowerclub.wordpress.com

Preview of homes to be built on old clinic site

By Laura Blyth

THESE images give a glimpse of how 21 council homes being built in Rugeley will look after council chiefs gave the scheme the final go-ahead.

The £2 million development is being built in Green Lane on the site of the former Hillsprings Clinic.

Cannock Chase Council borrowed £1 million from the Government to make the project a reality and is also pumping in another £1m of its own money.

The scheme includes seven two-bedroom houses and 14 one-bedroom flats.

The homes will be constructed by Cannock-based property developer Jessup.

Council housing chief Councillor Frank Allen said: "It is a council priority to increase the supply of affordable housing in the district and in partnership with Jessup we are able to take another step to achieving this.

An artist's impression of some of the 21 new homes given the go-ahead

Cannock Chase Council borrowed £1 million to make the project a reality

Move

"It will also be a great improvement to the area."

Members of the council's cabinet gave the scheme the final thumbs-up.

Clive Jessup, chief executive of Jessup, said: "As a local company we will use local suppliers."

Building work on the homes is due to start in the spring and is expected to take 12 months to be completed.

Twenty one families from the council's housing register will then move into their new homes. Cannock Chase Council is one of 22 authorities across the country given permission to borrow cash for the project, and 65 council homes are also being built in Chadsmoor. Work is expected to start there shortly.

Housebuilder Keepmoat Homes will build the new Chadsmoor properties and work is due to start later in the year.

Out of the 65 council houses, 30 will have two bedrooms, 27 will have three bedrooms and eight will have four bedrooms. The last council houses in Cannock Chase were built in 1987. It comes as plans are drawn up for new houses across the district to meet a growing demand.

Almost 6,000 homes will be built over the next 14 years as part of the area's 'local plan' strategy.

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Students inspired to excel at school

Tom West won the award named in honour of Bernard Day

Teachers and prize-winning pupils celebrate at the Highclare School Speech Night

PUPILS, parents and staff enjoyed a well deserved evening of celebration on this term at Senior School prize giving.

Many past pupils, together with their parents, came to receive their A-Level certificates and updated us on their experiences so far at university.

GCSE and subject prizes were awarded, together with prizes throughout the school for effort and achievement and there were two very special awards given for the first time.

The Margaret Viles Trophy was awarded for endeavour, being given to the school to mark the retirement of Mrs Viles after 11 years as head. It was awarded to Francesc Aliberch for his amazing endeavour in mastering English after only a year in the school.

Another new prize was given for the first time and marked the passing of the school's football coach, Bernard Day who sadly passed away this summer.

His passion for the beautiful game was recognised by awarding a prize for excellence in football. The prize was awarded to Tom West.

Development

In his address to parents, Dr Richard Luker, the new headteacher, commented on the need in education to inspire and motivate pupils and to give them the survival skills they need in the 21st century.

He said "For me and for Highclare School this means a curriculum and co-curriculum is needed that is rich in opportunities for emotional, mental and physical development and that is designed to focus on teaching these survival skills in addition to subject matter."

Highclare's annual prize giving concluded with opportunities for parents to view a display of the artwork produced for GCSE and A-Level.

In this new academic year Senior School students have already celebrated their success in the Independent Schools Association national art competition, gaining four first places, in competition against leading independent schools throughout the country.

Applications are now welcome for entry to Year 7 for September 2015 and the school is holding an Assessment morning on Monday January 26 for pupils currently in Year 6.

There are also scholarship opportunities for Year 11 pupils considering Sixth Form for September 2015, with a Scholarship exam on Wednesday January 7.

Prospective parents and pupils are encouraged to view the school website – www.highclareschool.co.uk and discover the opportunities that exist at Highclare School, including the offers of scholarships and bursaries.

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Anyone who would like to find out more should contact Heather Norman or Kerry Flint on 01543 573757.

Work about to begin on £82m jobs boost sites

WORK will start within days on new developments creating thousands of jobs across Staffordshire after funding was finalised.

The £82.2 million Staffordshire Growth Deal will see government cash ploughed into developments across the county. The funding has now been confirmed and the deal signed by council bosses.

By Adam Burling

At Stafford, money will go towards a new Western Access highway between Newport Road and Doxey Road, which is intended to ease congestion and help open up sites for housing and so companies can expand and create jobs. It means the completion of a long-awaited road link.

Meanwhile work will start on four main projects – Bericote at Four Ashes, Lichfield Park, Meaford near Stone and Etruria Valley in Stoke.

Expansion

Much of the work involves transforming brownfield sites with industrial units and businesses, as well as improving road access, and create thousands more jobs in the process.

Work is set to start on the Lichfield Park scheme within days, which will involve bridge widening and local road improvements in Lichfield to improve access to the Cappers Lane employment area and the Lichfield Park employment site. Some 1,100 new jobs will be created by the expansion of businesses and building work there.

The other projects are then expected to follow in the coming months.

At Meaford, Stone, a new roundabout junction on the A34 will improve access to the Meaford employment site. A total of 2,300 jobs will be created once the park is complete. In Four Ashes, new traffic controlled access and road widening for the Bericote employment site, helping to create 1,080 jobs by expanding the site.

Access to the A449 will be upgraded with new traffic signals, the bridge over the Stafford and Worcestershire canal is to be widened and priority control over the rail bridge will favour incoming traffic to the development.

The deal has now been agreed by county council bosses, meaning work can move forward.

County council economy boss Councillor Mark Winnington said: "We can now get started with our first growth deal funded project, meaning we will see jobs created as quickly as possible. This is what the growth deal is all about.

"Ours is one of the biggest growth deals in the country which is recognition by the Government that in Staffordshire we have an excellent track record in doing this.

"The decision to enter into contracts with private sector developers to deliver the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent growth deal means the people of Staffordshire will be able to access more good jobs and feel the benefits of living and working in a prosperous county."

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Picnic

But when not travelling around to see the sights and sounds of the beautiful county, Trevella itself has such a lot to offer, creating that perfect family destination.

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There is a heated outdoor pool, a games room, with pool table and arcade machines and a crazy golf course. Visitors are also well-served for provisions with an on-site shop and cafe and two well-stocked fishing pools.

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The playground and green are features of the idyllic Trevella Park, Cornwall

The Safari tents have been set up for that extra adventure at the site

Trevella has for 16 years in a row won a David Bellamy Gold Award and claimed a bronze award in Cornwall Tourism's Holiday Park of the Year awards 2014.

General manager Kieran Lynch, said the park's setting and its 'Simple Pleasures' maxim were the main reasons behind its success.

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From Monday the opening hours at the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) in Cannock are changing.

On December 1st 2014 the unit's opening hours will alter to 10:30am until 6:30pm, seven days a week. This follows a consultation on the MIU opening hours. A range of alternative health services are also available - these are outlined in the Choose Well poster below.

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Tesco in foodbank week

The Rugeley Foodbank and their local Tesco store teamed up for a week and had a Neighbourhood Food Collection.

The people of Rugeley and surrounding villages once again showed their generous spirit by donating bags of non-perishable produce not to mention sacks of Christmas treats. Tesco staff acted as Santa for the event and also helped to collect the goods, while Rugeley Foodbank volunteers were the elves and arranged the sorting and packing of foodstuffs with Tesco pledging to add a further 30 per cent of goods to the sleigh.

Protesters to meet as funeral site row grows

A LARGE-SCALE public meeting is to be held against plans for a new crematorium.

Hundreds of residents in Walsall and South Staffordshire are poised to join forces against the proposals in Broad Lane, Essington. It emerged last week that the battle to build a crematorium in the district has intensified with four developers submitting detailed schemes.

By Craig Hughes

The sites in Essington, Perton, Wergs, and Four Crosses near Cannock, are now being looked at by officers at South Staffordshire Council with decisions expected early in the New Year.

Councillors in Essington and Walsall are now joining forces with the public meeting expected to take place this month. Concerns from residents in Mossley have included increased traffic in the area due to its location on the Walsall and Staffordshire border.

Agreed

A venue and date for the meeting is yet to be confirmed.

David Clifft, chairman of Essington Parish Council, said: "I would expect several hundred people across Walsall and South Staffordshire.

"It is in the green belt and it is on public open space."

The scheme in Essington is being spearheaded by the Westerleigh Group and the 11.6 acre site in Broad Lane would see between four and five services a day.

Council chiefs in Staffordshire have agreed to lease the land to the firm for 75 years.

Bosses behind the project say there is a need for the facility.

Westerleigh managing director Richard Evans said: "We have found a lot of support from members of the public for our plans.

"Our plans are based on the fact that local families need a new crematorium facility – one that is nearby and not too overcrowded."

MP Gavin Williamson has described the situation over the applications for crematoriums as 'bonkers' saying there has been a bandwagon situation.

The scheme in Wergs off Holyhead Road is being promoted by Dignity.

They say the site would include a wild flower meadow and cater for six services a day.

The site was formerly part of the grounds to the Grade 2 listed Wergs Hall, which lies 400 metres to the east.

The boss of endurance challenge Tough Guy is behind the plans for a 'forest crematorium' off Jenny Walkers Lane in Perton.

Billy Wilson says his crematorium would be surrounded by 100,000 trees and the profits would be ploughed back into the community.

The Four Crosses proposal would see a crematorium, chapel and a 75-space car park built just behind the Truckers Rest cafe on the A5 close to Gailey reservoir.

Employers fined for failing to pay minimum wage

EMPLOYERS including a football club's charity programme and a university's fine arts institute have been fined for failing to pay workers the minimum wage.

Walsall FC Community Programme and Birmingham University's Barber Institute are among 25 businesses criticised for not paying the legal minimum.

The university found itself on the list of shame because it paid a group of interns who had been taken on to do unpaid work. The money it eventually chose to pay them was less than the minimum wage.

The football charity said its appearance on the list was down to 'human error' and as soon as it was notified, cheques were written.

Lyng Pharmacy in West Bromwich and Premier Autos, a garage in Hednesford, are also on the list from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. The Barber Institute was fined £5,000. Walsall FC Community Programme was fined £4,624.98.

Gurdal Ltd, trading as Lyng Pharmacy was fined £2,033.80 and Premier Autos, who failed to pay £339.12 to one worker, was fined £167.88. No-one was available when Premier Autos, in Littleworth Road, was asked for a comment.

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Shaun Pulfrey, Founder and CEO of Tangle Teezer Ltd, explains how Government support has helped his firm to access new markets.

"Being successful overseas is about getting the right knowledge, insight and support," he said.

"The place to find this is the Business is GREAT website. It hosts all of the advice and information that businesses might need on topics from finance to hiring new staff.

Expansion

"One of the key success factors in the international growth of Tangle Teezer has been the support we received from UKTI to help us access new markets, which enabled us to identify and plan our expansion – particularly when it came to selecting partner organisations in foreign markets.

"The UK was never going to be a big enough market for us.

"It's been six years since we started this business and we now export to countries from Holland to China. In fact, China is our second biggest global market."

Helen Thomas, Managing Director of Westons Cider, describes how Government advice has helped the company to develop.

She said: "In business, it's really important to know where you're going and how to get there.

"At Westons, we wanted to be here for future generations.

"To achieve this, we needed to grow. Without growth, we'd stand still; and if you stand still, you go backwards.

"While the quality of our product is important, our employees are central to our success. That's why we created the Westons Academy, which provides training programmes for our staff to learn and progress. This investment has undoubtedly helped us to grow.

"We now export to more than 40 countries and have established a business in Australia.

"We've harnessed Government support to help us get to where we want to be and I'd recommend that other businesses do the same.

"It's great that all of the information that businesses need, can be found in one website."

To read more about the support available for to help your business grow, visit greatbusiness.gov.uk

Founder and creator of the tangle teaser hairbrush Shaun Pulfrey

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Favourites to round off a happy year

Celebration time – The Best Of Friends are performing their latest show this weekend, in Rugeley

THE Best Of Friends are performing their latest show on Saturday and Sunday at St Joseph's Community Centre, Rugeley.

The show, entitled 'These are a few of our favourite songs', includes songs from Disney films and musicals. Tickets cost £5, £3 for children, to include light refreshments. The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are available from Sandra on 01889 585588 or at the door.

The group has been celebrating this year – two members, Sandra Barlow and John Turner, who met at the group, became Mr and Mrs Turner with the group and six granddaughters and three grandsons in attendance.

Thousands in fuel poverty

TENS of thousands of households across the West Midlands region are living in fuel poverty and struggling to keep their homes heated.

In Cannock Chase, 4,411 homes out of 39,764 – 11.1 per cent – are estimated to be 'fuel poor', new figures have revealed.

In Stafford it is 4,842 out of 39,391 homes and in South Staffordshire it is 3,882 out of 37,580. Lichfield has 4,123 fuel poor homes out of 37,770.

In the Black Country 63,579 properties out of 384,987 homes cannot afford their fuel bills.

The data has been released by Age UK as part of their Warm Homes campaign against fuel poverty, warning 24,000 older people could die because of the cold.

However, the figures include all households, regardless of their occupants' age. They were worked out based on the household income and someone is classed as fuel poor if they would spend so much of their earnings to heat their home it would leave them below the poverty line.

In some areas, between one in 10 and almost one in five homes are classed as being fuel poor.

Caroline Abrahams of Age UK said: "Fuel poverty is a national scandal ."

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Charles Mears stands in the doorway of the butcher's shop in 1931

Gladys and June Mears at the shop in the 1960s

Gary Palmer and Ed Mears at the Great Wyrley shop as it stands today

Still bringing home bacon – 100 years on

Bert Mears pictured during the Second World War

Charles Mears, far right, with his family around 1900

IT started life in a humble wooden shed, but 100 years later is still bring home the bacon.

MEMORY LANE

By Craig Hughes

Who would have known that when Charles Mears opened his butchery business back in the autumn of 1914 it would still be going strong a century down the line?

And not only has Mears Butchers – or E&S Mears as it's known in Great Wyrley – become one of the most well-known names in the village, but it has also turned out generation after generation of highly-skilled butchers.

These days, it has the sort of loyal customer base that most businesses can only dream of, with some people visiting the shop week in, week out for the past 60 years – and showing no signs of stopping anytime soon.

The business was started by father-of-four Charles Mears a century ago, when he was also joined by his oldest son Bert. But when the First World War broke out, Bert was called up to serve with the Royal Artillery and younger siblings Leonard and Wilfred stepped up to the plate.

In 1919, the family-run business moved to where Wyrley Fish Bar now stands, but then Charles acquired land at the third and final Walsall Road site in 1923.

A slaughterhouse was built and then the shop opened in 1930, where it has been ever since.

Bert had left to work at another butchers in Stafford while Leonard then went on to open his own Mears shop off Bloxwich Road, Leamore, in the 1930s before he passed away in 1964.

Charles was forced to come out of retirement in the 1940s to help son Wilfred and his wife Gladys run the butchers. This was while his grandson Percy, who after moving on from the meat industry in 1973 worked at Sainsbury's in Walsall, served in the Second World War.

It was then that current owner Edwin, the son of Wilfred, joined the well-established butcher's, and the present manager Gary Palmer came on board from school in 1975.

Edwin left the shop in 1989 to work from his Belt View Farm in Bednall, Staffordshire, to rear the likes of pigs, sheep and cows for the business.

His daughter Emma joined in 1995 from Stafford College to add cakes and pies to the produce.

Quality

Edwin, aged 65, remains as owner but no longer works at the shop. He said: "It is a well known name, we have always sold quality. There are some people who have been going for 50 to 60 years. We have got a lot of loyal customers.

"A few years ago I would have said it wouldn't survive but people are seeming to want a traditional butcher.

"I would like to see it carry on. It is an achievement to go 100 years."

Ed Mears, David McDonald and Gary Palmer, celebrate 100 years

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Mike aims to return favour over funding

Karate competitor Mike Carr has launched an online campaign asking people or companies to sponsor him

HEDNESFORD karate competitor Mike Carr is looking for funding for his 2015 campaign in a novel way. He has launched an online campaign asking for people or companies to sponsor him in his journey for world glory in 2015.

With every sponsorship Mike is pledging something in return, such as listing as a sponsor on his website, signed T-shirts and hoodies. He is confident funding will enable him to break into the world's top 30. Visit www.pledgesports.org/projects/mike-carr-karate-1-premier-league/

Little Friends to meet

THE Little Friends baby and toddler group at the Museum of Cannock Chase in Hednesford will be meeting on December 12 between 10am and midday. Admission is £3 per child with carer. The group meet every third Friday of the month. Call 01543 877666 for further details.

Free solar electricity initiative a first for UK

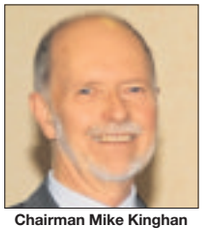
A NEW energy initiative aimed at making Cannock greener while helping tenants cut their energy bills has launched. Chase Community Solar is the first scheme in the UK funded by a community share offer which aims to deliver free solar electricity to council tenants.

The project, which is supported by Cannock Chase Council, seeks to raise up to £1 million to install solar panels on 150 to 400 council-owned bungalows.

Council tenants benefitting from the solar panels can expect to save between £100 and £200 a year on average on their energy bills through free electricity generated by the panels.

Investors are being offered a forecast annual return of seven per cent for the 20-year lifetime of the scheme, with a minimum investment of £100. Returns are generated by the government's Feed-in Tariff subsidy.

Councillor Frank Allen, cabinet member for housing, said: "Our tenants have been badly hit by rises in energy prices in recent years and through this project we can give many of them an opportunity to reduce their energy bills."



Chairman Mike Kinghan

A drop-in session about the initiative is being held at the Cedar Tree Hotel in Rugeley today from 6 to 9pm.

Mike Kinghan, chairman of Chase Community Solar, said the scheme 'offers the prospect of a good financial return and also provides a social and environmental one'.

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Being good neighbours can make such a difference

EACH year that passes seems to have its own character, but as I look back over these past twelve months, Christmas still remains a time for reflection and a rejuvenation of hope for the future, and always will.

Being chairman is a great honour. I have met so many of you over the last few months and I have been touched by the warmth and generosity of spirit in our town.

It has been a pleasure to serve the people of Burntwood so far this year and a delight to meet so many of you at the various events and functions I have attended. To see so much good work going on in our community is really heart-warming.

There are challenges ahead for Burntwood, not least in making sure our health services meet local needs.

But we as individuals can make a difference too. Winter is a time when looking after the more vulnerable and older members of our community becomes even more important which is why I am encouraging residents, through my Christmas message, to be good neighbours over the festive holiday season. A friendly knock on the door to say hello, a shopping errand when the weather is bad, an unexpected Christmas card with an offer of help in any form can all make such a difference.

On behalf of Burntwood Town Council may I wish everyone in the Burntwood community a very happy Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous 2015.

Christmas Message from Burntwood Town Council

Councillor Mrs Sharon Banevicius, chairman

Burntwood Town Council vice-chairman Keith Willis-Croft, Stephen Sutton's mother Jane, and organiser Joanne Jarvis switch on the Burntwood lights

Switch-on in memory of Stephen

HUNDREDS of people turned out to see the switch-on of Burntwood's Christmas tree lights dedicated to inspirational teenager Stephen Sutton. The 19-year-old's mother Jane flicked the switch on the festive illuminations in front of 400 people.

Hundreds of yellow bows have been tied to the tree outside the town's library at Sankey's Corner.

Stephen, who was from Burntwood, died of cancer in May. Organiser Joanne Jarvis said: "It was an amazing night. Everyone had a great time.

Mrs Sutton told the crowd her son would have loved to have been at the lights switch-on.

People paid to have a bow tied onto the tree. Mrs Jarvis said around £1,000 has been raised for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Stephen Sutton

Group to help with depression

A new support group helping those suffering with pre and postnatal depression has been launched in Burntwood.

Pandas is a community support group which meets at Redwood Community Centre at 12.30pm each Wednesday during term time.

The group is part of the charity Pandas Foundation and aims to provide a friendly safe place where parents can discuss their experiences and meet other families facing the condition.

Organiser Rachael Woods said: "I suffered with postnatal depression for four years and those days were very dark, lonely and scary. I wish that no mother should ever feel as alone as I did ."

For more information on the charity visit www.pandasfoundation.org.

Festival will help charity

ST Anne's Church, in Church Street, Chasetown, is staging a Christmas Tree Festival tomorrow from 10am to 7pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm and Sunday 2pm-4pm.

Donations will be divided between St Anne's Church and Trudy's Trust. Refreshments are available all day and soup and a roll from midday to 2pm tomorrow and Sunday.

Event will promote activities

ACTIVITIES for 10 to 19-year-olds who live in or go to school in Burntwood will be promoted at an event today.

The session at Burntwood Leisure Centre from 6pm to 8pm will highlight activities in the 'Where is your child tonight?' project.

Councillor Andrew Smith, Lichfield District Council's Cabinet Member for Leisure & Parks, said: "We're encouraging parents and guardians to stop by the stand to find out more.

"A big part of the initiative is to promote the many low cost activities that are on offer to young people who live in or go to school in Burntwood. This includes football, trampolining, boxing, dance and more."

Visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/positivefutures

An invite to sing carols

BURNTWOOD residents are invited to join in with an open air carol concert.

Chasetown Methodist Church is staging the event on Sunday, December 14 at 2.30pm. It has become a regular feature, although for the last couple of years, the weather has meant going into the church off Lawnswood Avenue.

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Makeover is planned for second underpass

A SECOND underpass in Cannock is to get a makeover. Cannock Chase Council and WLCT Community Wellbeing Arts have joined again to smarten the Mill Street underpass.

By Simon Stone

It follows a project which saw improvements made to the Beecroft Road underpass last year.

The council has allocated funds to improve the appearance of the underpass leading into the town centre from Morrisons, which the local authority says has suffered years of neglect and is 'in need of a refresh'.

The work will include general maintenance carried out by Staffordshire County Council working with Amey and the creation of a piece of public art, with help from local people.

The art piece will be based on a Now & Then theme, reflecting the history of the Cannock Chase district.

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Consultation will take place until January 7 to give residents and shoppers the opportunity to have their say, either by completing the online survey at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/changingplaces or speaking to officers who will be in Cannock town centre throughout this period.

Councillor Diane Todd, Town Centre Regeneration Portfolio Leader, said: "Over the last few years we have invested a lot of money into improving the appearance of Cannock town centre.

"The Beecroft Road underpass was completely transformed in 2013 and I am delighted that funding has been approved for the Mill Street underpass.

"I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity to get involved with this exciting project to help us make Cannock town centre even better.

"The Beecroft Road underpass improvements have not only helped increase the footfall into the town centre but I would hope that it has helped instil some pride amongst residents who visit."

Mark Wood, sales manager at Tiled Space, said: "We were delighted with the results of the Beecroft Road underpass and look forward to working with Cannock Chase Council and its partners on this new and exciting project."

Stuart Murray, Chief Executive of WLCT, said: "We are really pleased to be involved in this project, which will give a real boost to the Mill Street underpass for the benefit of all local people who use it to access the town centre."

Staffordshire County Council's economy and environment leader Mark Winnington said: "Making town centres attractive, safe and accessible is vital to ensure their long-term vitality.

"It is one of the county council's priorities to regenerate our town centres with our partners. We're pleased to be involved in renovating an important pedestrian through-route into Cannock which will have significant input by the community."

Work completed on road to link i54 with M'way

COUNCIL leaders have been celebrating the completion of work on the £44 million link road between the i54 development site – home to Jaguar Land Rover's £500m engine factory – and the M54.

The link road, funded by Wolverhampton and Staffordshire councils, was the key to winning the JLR factory against fierce competition from across the UK and around the world.

South Staffordshire District Council has been the planning authority for the site and the three councils have worked closely together on securing i54 as the home for the JLR factory and the subsequent development work.

The council bosses were taken on a tour of the new road, with its new bridge across the M54, which will provide the main access route onto the site for workers and the lorries bringing in raw materials and taking away completed products from JLR and the other factories on the site – Moog, ISP and Eurofins.

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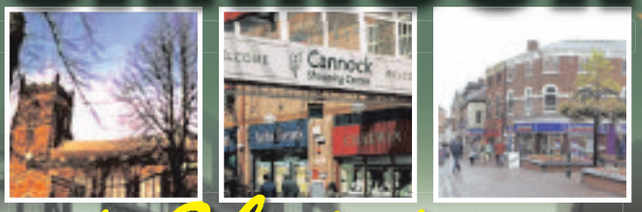

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Finning workers dressed in onesies as part of the company's fundraising day for Children In Need

EMPLOYEES at Caterpillar dealer Finning raised more than £5,000 for Children In Need. Staff dressed in onesies for the charity marathon with all 33 branches in the UK joining Cannock's head office for the day of fun.

Last year, the firm raised £7,000 and, despite hoping to improve on that figure, they managed to collect £5,201.86.

Pudsey the bear and SpongeBob Squarepants made an appearance, with employees from all departments of the 1,800-strong business taking part.

Meanwhile, Pudsey visited Staffordshire Police HQ to receive a cheque for £4,126.20 that was raised during the force's fundraising efforts.

Widening bid on parking

ROADS around Cannock Hospital could be widened to help with the demand of parking.

Chief executive of The Royal Wolverhampton Trust David Loughton which runs the facility said that disabled parking around the hospital is a problem.

The trust took over the running of the Cannock site on November 1 and it will share services with New Cross Hospital.

The hospital will cater for more than 20,000 outpatient cases and 10,000 inpatient cases from New Cross.

Last month it was revealed that 70 car parking spaces were planned at the hospital.

Mr Loughton said: "The biggest problem we have is disabled parking in front of Cannock Hospital. Every time that you go there it is always full – we may need to widen the road.

"This is something we will speak to Cannock Council about."

Mr Loughton revealed that staff who have moved from New Cross are having to park off-site on a car park opposite the hospital.

He added: "Our staff at the moment are using the multi-storey car park. There's a large number who have to use it."

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Tale of seasonal magic

A range of crafts and concerts are being planned at libraries across Staffordshire ahead of Christmas. There will be a choir performance and chance to have a mince pie at Heath Heath Library on Tuesday from 2-3pm and Cannock on December 16 between 10am and noon.

At Hednesford Library on December 12 thereis a baby bounce session 10.45-11.15am and a story and craft event is taking place at Rugeley on December 20. Staffordshire library chief Councillor Mike Lawrence said: "visiting the library in December adds a touch of seasonal magic."

Family pay tribute to heart attack motorist, 81

TRIBUTES have been paid to a Hednesford pensioner who died from a heart attack while driving. Gilbert Allan was taking his wife dancing when he had a fatal cardiac arrest.

Mr Allan, 81, was at the wheel of his blue VW Polo approaching the junction of Greenheath Road and High Mount Street at 12.45pm on November 25.

The attack caused a very minor crash between his car and a white Ford Mondeo. He was taken to County Hospital in Stafford but died on arrival.

His devastated family have described him as 'the best husband and dad' they could have wished for. Mr Allan and his wife were on their way to Pye Green Community Centre to attend an afternoon dance where they were regulars.

His wife Phyllis Allan, 83, said: "We are just so shocked and devastated. We will miss him dearly.

Gilbert Allan – 'the best'

Smiling

"He was an old fashioned man with strong family values and he was a romantic, a big softie. He never missed an anniversary and he bought me flowers every week. He was such a loveable person."

Mr Allan's daughter, Lynn Carroll, 55, who works as a singer, said: "Dad was always happy, always smiling. He enjoyed a brandy and lemonade and we had a great social life as a family."

Son in law Lee Carroll, 56, added: "He was a laugh a minute man, very happy, always telling jokes, the life and soul of the party with a great sense of humour."

Originally from Selly Oak in Birmingham, Mr Allan moved to Hednesford as a young boy. The couple met at a dance at the Co-op in Cannock and married in 1957 at St Luke's Church.

Mr Allan worked as a furniture retail manager all his life, spending 20 years at Brian James in Cannock before he retired at 76.

When he reached his 50s Mr Allan decided to learn a new language and became fluent in Spanish, taking exams and enjoying holidays to Spain. When he was 80 he joined Cannock ex-servicemen choir and rehearsed each Monday night.

Mrs Allan said: "He never kept still, he would go dancing three times a week."

Mrs Allan said: "He was a wonderful husband and we were very close." His funeral will be on December 15 at 11am at St Chads Church, Chadsmoor, and his family have politely requested donations to Midlands Air Ambulance instead of flowers.

Christmas tree sales centre is open on Chase

THE Christmas tree sales centre has opened on Cannock Chase along with Santa's grotto and food and craft stalls.

The grotto will be open every Friday between 4pm and 7pm and Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 4pm until Sunday, December 14.

All children visiting Father Christmas will receive a small gift and their very own Christmas tree sapling to plant at home.

The tree sales centre will be open between 10am and 5pm (Fridays until 8pm) until Thursday, December 18, offering a variety of trees that are grown in the UK in a well-managed way, including trees that are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council.

Food and craft stalls will be selling festive products on weekends and Friday nights, and the café, a short walk from the tree sales centre, is open daily from 10am to 4pm.

Throughout the winter, families are also invited to go on a forest adventure with the Gruffalo's Child, as part of Forestry Commission England's 15th anniversary celebrations of the much-loved character.

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Musical nostalgia for the 60s and 80s

Reviews by Leon Burakowski

The Exception — 1960s Brum Beat outfit rescued from obscurity by new release

SOME of today's hottest young acts — including Sam Smith, Ed Sheeran and Olly Murs — cover hits from around 30 years ago on 37-track double CD Sounds Of The 80s, out on Warner Music.

But the old school also get in on the act with several artist of an 80s vintage covering songs by their peers. Former Housemartin Paul Heaton returns, with Jacqui Abbott, to Caravan Of Love, Chrissie Hynde covers Morrissey (Every Day Is Like Sunday) and Level 42 take on INXS (Need You Tonight).

Inspired by Sara Cox's popular Radio 2 show, the album does throw up a few interesting chalk-and-cheese combinations, such as British country siblings Ward Thomas covering Michael Jackson's Man In The Mirror, Will Young's tender take on Womack and Womack's Teardrops and Birdy's radical revamp of Madonna hit Lucky Star.

Most artists just play it straight but Sam Smith is a good choice for Whitney Houston's How Will I Know, Passenger's voice is ideal for Romeo & Juliet by Dire Straits, as is James Blunt for Elton John's I Guess That's Why They Call It The Blues, and Kylie takes Bette Davis Eyes by Kim Carnes to the disco.

Other combinations include Boyzone with The Whole Of The Moon by The Waterboys, Ed Sheeran with Bruce Springsteen's Atlantic City, London Grammar on Chris Isaak's Wicked Game and Olly Murs having fun with Earth Wind & Fire's disco classic Let's Groove.

Katie Melua revises Black's Wonderful Life and Train take on Simply Red's Holding Back The Years. The Overtones are a bland choice for Wham's Wake Me Up Before You Go Go but The Pierces do justice by Peter Gabriel and Kate Bush duet Don't Give Up.

Cherry Red's RPM imprint rescues a band's legacy from the mists of time with **The Eagle Flies On Friday: Complete Recordings 1967-1969** by Brummie rock band **The Exception**. The band were formed by ex-members of The Uglys and included bassist Dave Pegg and guitarist Roger Hill who went on to Fairport Convention. The Exception were led by Alan 'Bugsy' Eastwood from Erdington.

The title track has a Northern Soul vibe and there are typically swinging 60s mod numbers like Gaberdine Saturday Night Street Walker and the jazzy Sunday Night At The Prince Rupert. The Animals-like bluesy Turn Over The Soil is a highlight.

However, the cringe-worthy ska novelty Rub It Down and Elvis satire Back Room perhaps explains why they didn't become as big as The Move or The Spencer Davis Group.

Fans of the era will also enjoy the detailed sleeve notes on the Brum Beat scene in Birmingham and the Black Country during the 60s. This issue also marks the first time their rare album The Exceptional Exception has been on CD, which also includes several previously unissued tracks.

From the same label comes **Never Say Goodbye: The Complete Recordings 1964-1966** by the **Bo Street Runners**, a popular Mod band on the London scene who never had hits despite TV exposure via a Ready Steady Go talent show. Their bluesy Manfred Mann-like numbers turn more soulful with the latter addition of fresh singer Mike Patto and drummer Mick Fleetwood, who went on to mega-success with Fleetwood Mac.

RPM have also put out **Our Day Will Come: The Very Best of Ruby and the Romantics**, a double CD 42-track 1960s set by a great mellow soul outfit in The Platters mode. The combination of Ruby Nash's lead vocals with the male harmonies and shimmering Hammond organ is a delight, and a couple of Northern Soul gems can be found among the easy listening standards.

May Smith celebrates her 105th with family and friends

Family and friends help May mark the big 105

WHEN May Smith was born in 1909, King Edward VII was on the throne, work had only recently begun to build The Titanic, and the First World War was still five years away.

Now she has just celebrated her 105th birthday with family and friends, and also received her second birthday card from the Queen.

Daughter-in-law Jose Smith, 63 said: "You only get a card when you turn 100 and then every five years after that, so it's amazing she has two, because I doubt I'll even get one.

Still busy – May with cake

"She loves a glass of wine with her dinner every day, and eats her garlic and oils to keep her bones strong, and always eats home cooked meal every day.

"We had a lot of people come to her party, and many people came from Cannock to see her. It has been a lot of hard work to get everything ready but it's been no bother at all.

Settled

"But because most of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren live in Wednesfield, they were unable to make it. But we are going out for a meal because it's my grand-daughter's birthday, so we can all sing Happy Birthday to her again then."

Mrs Smith was born in East Dulwich, London, one of eight siblings.

She moved to Oxford with her family shortly after the First World War, before they finally settled in Wolverhampton where she met her husband, Tom.

They married in Wolverhampton and had two children, Joan, 82, and Keith, 68, and she ran her own haberdashery store in New Invention, Willenhall. Mrs Smith then moved to Cannock, and lived in a bungalow, which she sold 28 years ago, before living in a flat in Allport Road, Cannock.

Six months ago Mrs Smith moved into her son's home in Roddington Heath, Shrewsbury, but before that she lived on her own – as she had ever since her husband passed away in 1979.

Until she was in her 90s, Mrs Smith enjoyed swimming and dancing but now she has four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren to keep her busy.

She was also a keen cyclist with her husband, and they even cycled form Cannock to the Lake District on a tandem bicycle.

But she says still enjoys a good holiday and has been going abroad since the 1950s.

Morrisons in £50k facelift

MORRISONS in Burntwood has invested £50,000 in its baby change areas to create a more comfortable and convenient environment for the town's parents with babies.

The High Street store's customer toilets have also been completely refurbished. The baby change facilities have been totally redesigned to an open plan format, to allow for larger prams and buggies.

It has been refurbished to incorporate baby feeding chairs for both mums and dads. 'Quiet' technologies have also been incorporated to help when babies are asleep. Elsewhere the customer toilets have been refurbished. Store general manager Chris Jones said: "We have made a significant investment in our store's facilities. We hope that mums, dads and regular customers will agree that the improvements have been transformational. We expect it will result in an easier and more pleasant shop for everyone who visits our store."

The activity forms part of a significant investment programme to make shopping trips easier for customers. Improvements include the redesign of stores, the extension of opening hours, the updating of car park controls and the removal of trolley lock facilities.

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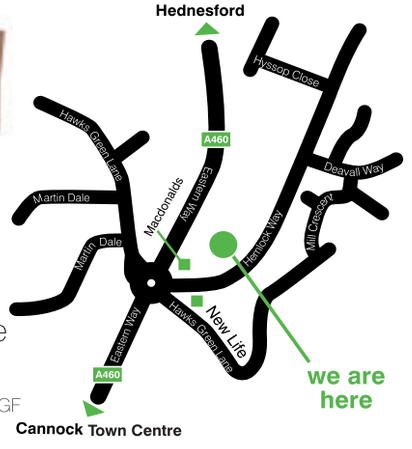

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Heat on as Heaton carries on regardless

Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbot
Civic Hall, Wolverhampton

IT was a night of nostalgia, elephant wee, a rather unsavoury tale of Paul Heaton's, and trying to prise him out of his parka.

Even with the temperature reaching sauna levels through the solid wall of bodies packed into the Civic Hall and the shouts of "off off" couldn't separate Heaton from his jacket so the assembled mass had to make do with the music which is now part of pop history. Heaton via the Housemartins and then The Beautiful South has been on the scene for more than a quarter of a century with Jacqui Abbot not far behind him.

The duo walked in over the drumbeat and launched into a couple of tracks off their latest album, What Have We Become, with Moulding of a Fool and The Right in Me. They then took their first trip down memory lane with We're Not Deep from Heaton's Housemartins days.

The crowd lapped up the old stuff with their cover of Everybody's Talking, the expletive ridden Don't Marry Her and of course Carry On Regardless.

Heaton even threw in a spoiler as they are Pointless celebrities on December 13 but you have to watch it to see how they did.

Danny Farragher

Got to give Erasure a little respect

Erasure, Civic Hall, Wolverhampton

AFTER nearly 30 years in the business, you have to give A Little Respect to Erasure.

The duo have re-invented themselves for 21st century audiences, hence Sacred (from new album The Violet Flame) sounding like it could be by Calvin Harris rather than Vince Clarke. Latest single Reason, Elevation and Dead of Night were also from the new album.

Singer Andy Bell came out on stage wearing hat, jacket and shades but he later changed into spangly hot pants. He loves a good Drama! So did I. And Blue Savannah. And Ship of Fools. The latter demonstrated that Clarke is not just a whizz on the keyboards as he played guitar, repeating the feat for final encore Sometimes.

From the opening Oh L'Amour, the sell-out crowd were clearly in for a top night. Pretty much all the hits were there, Victim of Love, Chains of Love, Stop! and Love To Hate You among them.

Mark Shipp

REVIEWS

First Soloist Samara Downs leaps into action as The Snow Fairy in The Nutcracker

Enchanting festive ballet just gets better and better

The Nutcracker, Birmingham Hippodrome

IN the 24 years since Sir Peter Wright's version of the classic Russian ballet received its premiere in Birmingham, this Christmas treat from Birmingham Royal Ballet has just got better and better.

It begins with an idealised Christmas and ballet student Clara has a wildly imaginative dream. The scene in which Clara is shrunken by the growing Christmas tree is spectacular. Then she is whisked away in a blizzard of dancing snowflakes to an enchanted land of dance. Tchaikovsky's romantic music with opulent costumes and monumental sets that radiate a faded grandeur, all dramatically lit, create an otherworldly atmosphere.

On Saturday Laura Purkiss ensured Clara was never lost amid the spectacle. Samara Downs brought verve to The Snow Fairy and Spanish dancer, Delia Matthews was liquid lithe in the supple Arabian Dance, whilst Momoko Hirata combined grace and strength as The Rose Fairy.

The star couple were Celine Gittens and Tyrone Singleton, as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Prince. Their Grand pas de deux was elegant and powerful. The Nutcracker continues until December 13.

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Hootenanny time comes early with Jools and his orchestra

BOOGIE woogie big band maestro Jools Holland has a double date with Birmingham in the run up to Christmas with special guests Marc Almond and Rumer.

The piano man's latest tour comes hot on the heels of his new album Sirens of Song (released by East West) , in which Jools and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra team up with several leading female singers.

The 14-track recording includes two regular singers with his band, Oldham-born Louise Marshall and Birmingham's own Ruby Turner, plus on the bluesy Lost Mind, the velvet-voiced Rumer who will be joining Jools and co at the Symphony Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, December 17 and 18.

Jools Holland leads his band

Other contributions to the album include one of the last recordings by jazz legend Eartha Kitt, Ain't Misbehavin' from a Later show in 2008, and the late Amy Winehouse in stomping reggae mode with Monkey Man from the Hootenanny show in 2006.

Highlights among newer recordings include Birmingham soul singer Laura Mvula's stylish take on See Line Woman, Emeli Sande on jazz standard Love Me Or Leave me, Melanie C's version of Stevie Wonder's I Wish and a radical New Orleans style makeover for Clash song Should I Stay Or Should I Go by Kylie and Jools. Sometime member of his band, Joss Stone, also contributes Letting Me Down,which she co-wrote with Jools.

Some of these songs plus a lot of jazz, soul and reggae standards are likely to feature when Jools brings his feel-good show to the venue. Tickets cost £36 plus transaction fee. See www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 345 0600.

Meanwhile, former Soft Cell frontman Marc Almond will also be in concert in his own right at Birmingham Town Hall on April 17 as part of his Velvet Trail tour for his forthcoming album.

Niki has a Grand fairy role

FORMER X Factor star Niki Evans is gearing up to appear in pantomime at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre for the fourth time.

The singer, who reached the semi finals of the TV talent show in 2007, says she cannot wait to return to the city for the festive season. This year she will be appearing as the Fairy Godmother in Cinderella. This year she will be starring alongside Julian Clary and Joe Tracini, son of Joe Pasquale.

"It has become bit of a Christmas tradition for me," said Niki, who was born in Birmingham and now lives in Tamworth.

"I love getting glittered up and into costume, seeing how much it excites the kids is my favourite part."

Thousands of tickets have already been sold for the panto, which opens on Saturday and runs until January 18.

Singer Niki Evans is starring in pantomime Cinderella at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

Blessed start to seasonal music

THE man with the biggest beard after Father Christmas, Brian Blessed, will be bringing his extra large personality and voice to greet the festive season at Birmingham.

The popular actor will be giving readings at the Christmas Classics concert at the Symphony Hall on Saturday, December 20, at 2pm. Bach, Mozart, Pearsall and carols will feature in the concert involving guest soprano Elizabeth Atherton with the City of Birmingham Choir and London Concert Orchestra.

The Carols By Candlelight concert at the same venue that evening will include the Mozart Festival Orchestra in period costume and the Canzonetta choir. See www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 345 0603.

Rockers return to play this weekend

BIRMINGHAM rock legends Magnum promote album Escape from the Shadow Garden at Bilston's Robin 2 tomorrow (Friday). The same venue hosts ex-Marillion frontman Fish on Monday and a Compton Hospice charity concert featuring Dudley's former The Voice finalist Jenny Jones on Tuesday.

The Human League are at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tomorrow, when ex-Rainbow singer Graham Bonnett rocks Birmingham O2 Academy. Rockabilly queen Imelda May is at Digbeth's Institute on Saturday, while in another room Turbowolf lead Download Freezes Over.

Festive folk bring Christmas shows

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Dan Whitehouse will be launching his new album, Raw State, at his Christmas show at the Glee Club, Birmingham on Sunday. Dan will be joined by Chris Tye, Harriet Harkcom and Duke Special. The show starts 8pm and tickets are £8 plus booking fee.

Barnsley nightingale Kate Rusby is bringing her annual festive show to the Symphony Hall, Birmingham on Thursday December 11. The show starts 7.30pm and tickets are £25 plus transactions fees.

The festivities continue when Maddy Prior brings her carols and capers show to Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday, December 14. The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £19.50 plus fees. See www.thsh.co.uk

Cool Yule with Rat Pack Vegas show

START the festivities with a ring-a-ding-ding time at the Christmas with the Rat Pack Live from Las Vegas Show this week.

The tribute to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr starts a three-night (and Saturday matinee) run at the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham tonight (Thursday) with the Burrelli Sisters and Rat Pack Big Band. It puts a festive twist on the cool crooner sounds of the 1950s and 60s, so expect Baby It's Cold Outside and White Christmas.

The theatre is also launching its new Ambassador Lounge for those seeking a VIP experience.

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CHOICE

Miranda Hart

The Jonathan Ross Show (ITV, 10.35pm)

In case you've been oblivious to the adverts, posters and pop-up ads, Peter Jackson's final part of his Hobbit trilogy is about to hit cinemas. While the source material may not have demanded such an epic saga, The Hobbit has given Martin Freeman one of the best roles of his career as Bilbo Baggins. This week he drops into the studio to discuss The Battle of the Five Armies, while the most controversial man on four wheels, Jeremy Clarkson, will no doubt be discussing the recent farrago in Argentina. Plus, funnywoman Miranda Hart and X Factor veteran Ella Henderson also lend their considerable talents to the proceedings.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Snooker: UK Championship. Coverage of the first semi-final at the Barbican Centre in York. **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** Celebrity Mastermind. (R) **5.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.10 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong quizzes eight writers – Charlie Higson, Rachel Johnson, Robert Harris, Gill Hornby, Jenny Colgan, Benjamin Zephaniah, Danny Wallace and Stuart Maconie.

7.00 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the quarter-final of the ballroom battle as the remaining six pro-celebrity couples take another few dance steps closer to lifting the glitterball trophy. Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell provide their opinions and scores, which are combined with the votes of the viewers to decide which two couples will appear in tomorrow night's dreaded dance-off.

8.15 Atlantis. Ariadne sets out on a journey for Telemon's homeland of Aegina, despite Jason's concerns for his queen's safety – and before long the royal procession faces enemies at every turn.

9.00 Casualty. Ash disagrees with Dylan on how to treat a suspected overdose, Zoe gets annoyed with Cal for flirting with her patient and the paramedics receive a mysterious hamper for Jeff.

9.50 The National Lottery Live. Jenni Falconer is joined by singer Katherine Jenkins as she reveals the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Newcastle United v Chelsea at St James' Park and Stoke City v Arsenal at the Britannia Stadium; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures.

12.25 Film: AWOL: Absent Without Leave. (1990) **2.05** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBBC. **11.00** The Blue Planet. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey. (R) **1.00** The Rockford Files. (R) **1.45 Film:** The Great Caruso. (1951) Musical biopic of opera singer Enrico Caruso, starring Mario Lanza. **3.30** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Live Snooker: UK Championship. Further coverage of the first semi-final at the Barbican Centre in York. **5.30** Restoring England's Heritage.

6.00 Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom. This edition focuses on the surprisingly colourful world of medieval interior design, with Peter Ginn and Tom Pinfold rendering and lime-washing the inside walls of a guard tower, transforming its dark stone walls into a bright space. Ruth Goodman makes paint and decorates the castle bedchamber using designs based on those recently discovered at an 11th-century church nearby, and Peter gets to grips with the indoor toilets known as garderobes. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine presents all the action from the second semi-final at the Barbican Centre in York, where the first player to win six frames will book their place in tomorrow's final. This is the second most prestigious ranking tournament on the calendar and one that has produced a remarkable series of champions in recent years, with the last eight events being won by a different player. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.00 Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction. Dominic Sandbrook examines sci-fi's obsession with creating artificial life, looking at examples from Doctor Who, The Terminator, Blade Runner, Battlestar Galactica and The Matrix.

11.00 Intruders. Jack discovers the alarming scope of the organisation to which he has lost Amy, Marcus and Madison engage in a fatal struggle, and Richard goes on the run. Last in the series.

11.45 Film: Night and the City. (1992) A small-time lawyer becomes a boxing promoter, only to fall foul of gangsters who stand to lose money on his fighters. Thriller remake, starring Robert De Niro and Jessica Lange.

1.25 Film: Beyond the Fire. (2009) **2.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.40** Text Santa: Little Helpers. (R) **7.45** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.10** Text Santa: Little Helpers. (R) **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** The Munch Box. **9.25** Dinner Date. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** Storage Hoarders. (R) **12.25** Countrywise. (R) **12.55** Doc Martin. (R) **2.00** Keep It in the Family. (R) **3.00 Film:** Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. (2002)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Comedy with Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' videos, featuring elaborate pranks, a cat terrorising a postman and an accident at the top of the Eiffel Tower.

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. I'm a Celebrity 2013 winner Kian Egan, former Olympic swimmer Sharron Davies, presenter Matt Johnson and actor Larry Lamb play for charity. Bradley Walsh hosts. Last in the series.

8.00 The X Factor. The acts have been in rehearsals all week and now the time has come for them to show the voting public why they deserve a place in next week's final. Dermot O'Leary hosts. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

9.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present highlights from the past 24 hours in the jungle and reveal which celebrity has fallen at the last hurdle, missing out on a place in the final.

10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined by Top Gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson, comedy actress Miranda Hart and The Hobbit star Martin Freeman, and former X Factor contestant Ella Henderson performs.

11.40 ITV News; Weather.

11.55 Film: Play Misty for Me. (1971) A DJ revives his relationship with an old flame, driving an obsessive fan mad with jealousy. Psychological thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood, with Jessica Walter.

1.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Great Ethiopian Run. **7.00** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **10.55** Frasier. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.20** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.20** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park and Aintree. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me. Fun-loving salesman Charlie Spiteri hosts the final festive dinner party in south-east London. A stylish offering of oysters and champagne on arrival impresses his guests, but the cook encounters problems with an ambitious three-bird roast. However, he hopes his snow machine and festive capers will be enough for him to take the £1,000 prize. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Inside Rolls-Royce. A behind-the-scenes look at the exclusive and luxurious world of the renowned British car brand, following workers at the manufacturer's Goodwood factory as they build their most expensive bespoke car to date, the Celestial Phantom, which comes complete with diamond-studded interior. The programme reveals the craftsmanship that goes into making and selling vehicles with a huge price tag and the lengths to which the team will go in the pursuit of perfection. (R)

8.00 Film: Battleship. (2012) Premiere. A reckless slacker joins the Navy, hoping to win the respect of his girlfriend's father, a stern admiral. He and his shipmates are put to the ultimate test as part of a force of vessels that must battle an invading fleet of powerful alien spaceships. Sci-fi adventure, starring Taylor Kitsch, Liam Neeson and Alexander Skarsgard.

10.35 Film: From Dusk Till Dawn. (1996) A pair of outlaws take a family hostage and then lie low in a Mexican strip club, which turns out to be infested with vampires. Horror, starring George Clooney and Harvey Keitel.

12.40 Film: The Talented Mr Ripley. (1999) **3.05** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.15** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30 Film:** Santa Jr. (2002) Christmas comedy, starring Nick Stabile. **12.15 Film:** Meet the Santas. (2005) Fantasy comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. **1.55 Film:** Hats Off to Christmas! (2013) Romantic drama, with Haylie Duff and Antonio Cupo. **3.40 Film:** Mrs Miracle. (2009) A talented housekeeper helps a widowed father of twin boys to turn his life around and rediscover his love of music. Family drama, starring Doris Roberts and James Van Der Beek. **5.35 Film:** Noel. (2004) Drama, starring Susan Sarandon.

7.25 Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights. Former Slade frontman Noddy Holder narrates a documentary following four households as they turn their homes into electric winter wonderlands with extensive displays of festive illuminations. For these Christmas obsessives, who include Dave and Carol Edwards, putting up the lights involves a head for heights, DIY wiring skills and an unshakable resolve, with some inspired by the bling of Blackpool while others aim for the ambitious scale of a West End show. (R)

8.25 5 News Weekend.

8.30 Film: Rocky Balboa. (2006) The ageing fighter contemplates a return to the ring when a computer simulation reveals he would have defeated the current world heavyweight champion Mason "The Line" Dixon, who responds by challenging Rocky to face him for real. Boxing drama sequel, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone.

10.30 Film: Pale Rider. (1985) A mysterious preacher with lethal gunfighting skills helps a mining community battle a ruthless landowner. Western, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

12.40 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Gotham. Gordon and Bullock investigate a deadly fight club where the winners are awarded a job, while Bruce learns a difficult lesson when he tries to make friends at school. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. Ann Maurice offers advice to a bachelor having trouble selling his home in Knutsford, Cheshire, because it is too masculine. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Doctor Who **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Sherlock **10.30** Bad Education **11.00** Family Guy **1.30** Life Is Toff **2.00** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.30** Some Girls **3.00** Bad Education **3.30** Parents' Evening **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Ice Age Giants **8.00** Sex and Sensibility: The Allure of Art Nouveau **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** Billy Joel: The Bridge to Russia – A Matter of Trust **12.00** Billy Joel: Live in Leningrad **1.20** Top of the Pops: 1979 **2.00** Ice Age Giants **3.00** Sex and Sensibility: The Allure of Art Nouveau **4.00** Close

ITV2

12.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special **1.00** Totally You've Been Framed! **2.05 Film:** Rumor Has It (2005) **4.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **5.30 Film:** She's the Man (2006) **7.40 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **9.30** The Xtra Factor **10.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** The X Factor **1.05** The Xtra Factor **2.00** Two and a Half Men **2.45** Kiesza: The Hot Desk **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.50 Film: Columbo: Negative Reaction (1974) **2.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.05** Bomb Girls **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.15 Alias Smith and Jones **12.25** The Professionals **1.30** Live Tennis. The Statoil Masters Tennis. **4.30** Cheers **5.00** Alias Smith and Jones **6.00** Storage Wars **7.30** Live Tennis. The Statoil Masters Tennis. **10.30 Film:** The Living Daylights (1987) **1.15** Journey to Le Mans **2.15** Tommy Cooper **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.00** How I Met Your Mother **1.00** Melissa & Joey **3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.00** Rude(ish) Tube **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** The Waterboy (1998) **10.50** Rude Tube **11.55** The Inbetweeners **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Cleveland Show **3.15** Franklin & Bash **3.55** Happy Endings **4.20** My Fair Wedding

Film4

11.00 The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) **1.00** The Hunt for Red October (1990) **3.45** The King and I (1956) **6.25** The Way Back (2010) **9.00** Solomon Kane (2010) **11.05** Heat (1995) **2.20** Shutter (2008) **4.00** Close

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CHOICE

Ant and Dec

I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!
(ITV, 9pm)

Back in 2002, the powers that be at ITV first discussed the seemingly absurd idea of taking a handful of headline-grabbing celebrities, cutting off their home comforts and throwing them in to the middle of a beastie-inhabited Australian jungle. 'It'll never work' cried a groaning public. But 12 years, and 14 series, down the line, and we're just about ready to crown our new jungle winner. This time last year, we were having trouble making the call between singer Kian Egan and fashion designer David Emmanuel after an eventful few weeks watching the holed-up celebs. This time around, we've seen tears and tantrums, expletives-filled bush trucker trials and too many naff jokes to count from Ant and Dec (we love them really).

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Nicholas Parsons. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.45** FA Cup Final Score. **4.20** Songs of Praise. **4.55** Christmas Supermarket Secrets. (R) **5.55** BBC News; Regional News.

6.20 Countryfile. The team reports from East Sussex, where Helen Skelton discovers the secrets of the mysterious shepherd's stones and goes on a fossil hunt with local schoolchildren, finding the footprints of what's believed to be a dinosaur. John Craven takes a stroll round the grounds of Batemans, a country house where writer Rudyard Kipling sought solace and peace, and new presenter Joe Crowley joins a team from the Sussex Wildlife Ambulance service as they are called out to a stag in distress. Adam Henson explores how science is being used to detect animal diseases early and Tom Heap finds out about the return of the British beaver in Devon.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are guaranteed a place in the semi-final and which two have to face each other in the dance-off. OneRepublic provide the music.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team visits Waltham Forest Town Hall in east London, where items include a Rolex with a connection to Britain's Special Forces and the world's oldest hot cross bun.

9.00 Remember Me. DI Fairholme joins Hannah to search for Tom, finding him at a caravan park – but he still refuses to be drawn on the significance of the song Scarborough Fair.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action.

11.35 The Apprentice. The entrepreneurs are challenged to find and buy nine items – all of which have featured in tasks throughout the history of the show – at the best possible prices. (R)

12.35 Film: Racing for Time. (2008) **2.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.15** Countryfile. (R) **8.15** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **9.40** 50 Golden Years of Sport on BBC Two. (R) **10.40** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **12.10** The A to Z of TV Cooking. (R) **12.55** Live Snooker: UK Championship. The opening session of the final at the Barbican Centre in York.

6.00 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. Manish Bhasin presents action from the latest second-round matches, as the non-league sides aimed to make a name for themselves and book a place in the third round, and a potential tie against a Premier League club. Fixtures included Gateshead v Warrington Town, Bradford City v Dartford and Scunthorpe United v Worcester City.

7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the second session of the final at the Barbican Centre in York, where the first player to reach 10 frames will be crowned champion. Mark Selby led Neil Robertson heading into the concluding session of last year's final, but the Jester from Leicester had no answer to his Australian opponent, who recorded another two century breaks on his way to winning the tournament for the first time. The commentary team features Dennis Taylor, Ken Doherty, Steve Davis, John Virgo, John Parrott and Stephen Hendry.

11.00 Russell Howard's Good News. The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print, and he is joined by a guest with an amazing tale to tell. (R)

11.30 Film: The British Guide to Showing Off. (2011) Premiere. Part-animated documentary about Andrew Logan's Alternative Miss World show, celebrating some of the most memorable contestants featured over the 40 years of the event.

1.05 Sign Zone: Countryfile. John Craven uncovers one of Lancashire's hidden jewels. (R) **2.00** Holby City. Jesse faces up to the consequences of his womanising ways, Zosia grapples with a patient harbouring a secret and the Holby board tries to impose fierce cost-cutting measures. (R) **3.00** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.40** Text Santa: Little Helpers. (R) **7.45** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.10** Text Santa: Little Helpers. (R) **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.35 Film:** Batteries Not Included. (1987) **1.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.30** The X Factor. (R) **4.00 Film:** Apollo 13. (1995) Fact-based drama, starring Tom Hanks.

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Coronation Street. Hour-long episode. A desperate Kylie sets off to find Callum after running out of drugs, while Eva agrees to take a worried David to his wife's old haunt the Dog & Gun. Kal is furious that Tony is exploiting Zeedan when he should be with his family, Luke comes to the rescue after Maria accidentally stabs herself in the eye with a mascara wand, and Tim worries he's going to have to pull out of the school auction as his reading just isn't up to it. Katy confides in Alya that she reckons Gary and Izzy are getting back together, and Owen unwittingly lets slip to Diane that Kevin gave her sofa to Sally.

8.00 The X Factor Results. The remaining contestants wait with bated breath as Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and which acts will be battling it out in the sing-off for a place in next week's final.

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! It's the final to what has been an eventful three weeks in the Australian jungle, full of terrifying trials, sleepless nights and stomach-churning meals, and the celebrities who have gone all the way will now be looking forward to catching a plane home. Last in the series.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry. (2007) Comedy, with Adam Sandler.

12.50 The Store. **2.35** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 NFL: The American Football Show. (R) **7.05** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.30** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Small Animal Hospital. **9.00** Jamie's Comfort Food. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.50 Film:** Stardust. (2007) Fantasy adventure, starring Charlie Cox and Claire Danes. **5.25 Film:** Home Alone 2: Lost in New York. (1992) Comedy sequel, starring Macaulay Culkin.

7.45 Channel 4 News.

8.00 The Billion Pound Base: Dismantling Camp Bastion. For eight years, Britain's biggest overseas base since the Second World War has been the powerhouse of UK and US military operations in Afghanistan, and now Camp Bastion has closed down for good. A town the size of Reading with a massive infrastructure, including an airport, hospital and fast-food restaurants, has been dismantled bolt by bolt – a huge project that faced a constant threat from the Taliban as defences and manpower depleted daily. This documentary follows the men and women assigned to the task.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie is forced to improvise to salvage her mission, while the CIA swiftly closes in on a leak. Claire Danes, Rupert Friend and Mandy Patinkin star in the American thriller.

10.00 Film: Sinister. (2012) Premiere. A writer researching a horrific incident that took place in his house years previously uncovers a supernatural threat. Horror, starring Ethan Hawke.

12.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. The host is joined by entertainer Bruce Forsyth, comedian Lee Evans and singer-songwriter George Ezra, who performs his latest single Listen to the Man. (R) **1.00** American Football Live. San Diego Chargers v New England Patriots (Kick-off 1.30am). Coverage of the week 14 clash from Qualcomm Stadium, where the AFC West and AFC East teams face each other. **4.45** NFL: Rush Zone. Animation about a young American football fan who must protect shards of a power source called The Core, which is hidden in various NFL stadiums. **5.10** Win It Cook It. (R) **5.35** Countdown. Alistair McGowan joins Nick Hewer and Rachel Riley for the words-and-numbers game. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina: The Next Steps. (R) **6.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.30** Paw Patrol. **7.45** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.10** Wanda and the Alien. **8.20** Zack and Quack. **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.55** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.45** Access. (R) **9.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **10.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.40 Film:** Dear Santa. (2011) Romantic comedy, starring Amy Acker and David Haydn-Jones. **2.30 Film:** Santa Who? (2000) Family comedy, starring Leslie Nielsen. **4.20 Film:** Ice Age: The Meltdown. (2006) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Ray Romano.

6.00 5 News Weekend.

6.05 Film: Where Eagles Dare. (1969) An American general is held captive by the Nazis in a heavily defended fortress in the Alps. A crack team of British soldiers and an American lieutenant are dispatched to free him, but they soon realise there is a traitor in their ranks. Second World War adventure, starring Richard Burton, Clint Eastwood, Patrick Wymark, Michael Hordern and Mary Ure.

9.00 Film: Enemies Closer. (2013) Premiere. A forest ranger working on the border between the US and Canada has an encounter with an old enemy who has sworn revenge on him. However, the former foes are forced to work together to survive an encounter with a drug cartel's agents, who are searching for a missing shipment. Action adventure, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme, Tom Everett Scott and Orlando Jones.

10.45 Film: The Shepherd. (2008) A border patrol agent sets out to stop military veterans trying to smuggle heroin out of Mexico into the US. Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Scott Adkins.

12.35 Campus PD. (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** The Gadget Show. Union J check out devices that could enhance festive celebrations. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Some Girls **12.00** Sweat the Small Stuff **12.30** Life Is Toff **1.00** Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2012 **2.00** Extreme Beauty Queens: Secrets of South America **3.00** Some Girls

BBC Four

7.00 The Great War **7.40** Britain's Wild Places **8.00** The Day of the Triffids **9.00** Imagine – Rod Stewart: Can't Stop Me Now **10.25** Foo Fighters: Sonic Highways **12.25** The Story of Funk: One Nation Under a Groove **1.25** The Genius of Funk **2.25** Imagine – Rod Stewart: Can't Stop Me Now **3.50** Close

ITV2

11.30 The X Factor **1.00** The Xtra Factor **2.05** Blue: The Hot Desk **2.15** You've Been Framed at Christmas **3.15** Ant & Dec's Christmas Show **4.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **5.40 Film:** The Mummy (1999) **8.00** Scorpion **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** You've Been Framed! **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35 Film:** American Pie Presents Band Camp (2005) **1.20** Two and a Half Men **2.10** The Vampire Diaries **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.30 A Touch of Frost **1.35** Rosemary & Thyme **2.35** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.40 Film:** Columbo: Troubled Waters (1975) **6.45** Inspector Morse **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Cracker **1.10** William and Mary **2.05** Judge Judy **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

11.45 Live Tennis. The Statoil Masters Tennis. **2.30** Cheers **3.00** Alias Smith and Jones **4.05 Film:** Paths of Glory (1957) **6.00** Live Tennis. The Mylan World Team Tennis Smash Hits. **9.00 Film:** The Specialist (1994) **11.15 Film:** Rambo III (1988) **1.20** River Monsters **2.30** Nitro Circus **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.30 Made in Chelsea **1.35** Melissa & Joey **2.00 Film:** First Daughter (2004) **4.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.10** Bad Robots **11.40** How I Met Your Mother **12.40** Rules of Engagement **1.40** Paternity Court **2.35** My Fair Wedding

Film4

11.00 Merrill's Marauders (1962) **1.00** Rat Race (2001) **3.10** Passport to Pimlico (1949) **4.55** The Nativity Story (2006) **6.55** Big (1988) **9.00** This Means War (2012) **10.55** Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995) **1.00** No (2012) **3.25** Close

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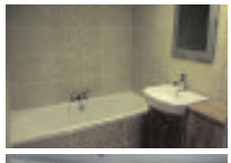

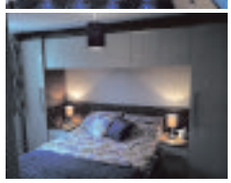

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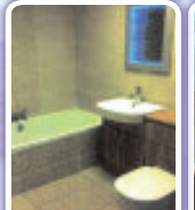

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Mistletoe Over Manhattan, Channel 5, 3.30pm

Santa Claus's wife goes to New York to perform a Christmas miracle and give her husband fresh inspiration. She befriends a cop who is in the middle of a divorce and offers to become a nanny to his children. She then discovers he still loves his wife, and tries to find a way to bring them back together. Seasonal fantasy, starring Tricia Helfer and Greg Bryk. (2011)

TUESDAY

The Lookout, BBC1, 11.50pm

A teenager's promising future is cut short when a car crash leaves him with brain damage that affects his memory. Taking a job as a janitor at a bank, he falls under the influence of crooks led by a former school friend. However, as he becomes aware of their plan to pull off a robbery, he makes a desperate attempt to stop them. Drama, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt. (2007)

WEDNESDAY

Rabbit Hole, BBC1, 11.35pm

A couple's happy lives are thrown into upheaval by the death of their son in a road accident. As they try to keep their marriage from falling apart, the wife forms a friendship with the driver responsible for the tragedy while the husband immerses himself in the past and turns to another bereaved parent for support. Drama, with Nicole Kidman and Aaron Eckhart. (2010)

Dead Poets Society, Friday, BBC2, 11.35pm

THURSDAY

It's Christmas, Carol!, Channel 5, 3.30pm

A heartless publishing executive is hated by her staff, who are secretly plotting against her. At Christmas, she receives a visit from the ghost of her former boss, who takes her on a journey through her past, present and future to show her where her life went wrong and how she can put things right. Fantasy, starring Emmanuelle Vaugier and Carrie Fisher. (2012)

FRIDAY

Dead Poets Society, BBC2, 11.35pm

A charismatic English teacher at a New England prep school in the 1950s raises eyebrows among his strait-laced colleagues by encouraging the students to live life beyond their expectations. Unfortunately, the boys find their families and the rest of the teaching staff are not so understanding about their desire to follow their dreams. Drama, starring Robin Williams. (1989)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Stars prove Variety is the spice of life

If you were around on November 12, 53 years ago, you may recall the line-up of the Royal Variety Performance.

Bruce Forsyth took to the stage at the Prince of Wales Theatre, and introduced the likes of Lionel Blair, Morecambe and Wise, and a fresh-faced young woman from Tiger Bay who became a music legend.

Shirley Bassey made her debut at the prestigious show, only the second to be televised at that point.Of course it wouldn't be the last time she would wow the masses at the RVP. Four years later she was at the London Palladium for another of seven Royal Variety Performance appearances.

In 1971, she and Bruce returned; then Shirley was back again in 1976, the same year comedian-in-waiting Michael McIntyre was born.

After an 11-year break, the diamante diva returned in 1987, by which time Ellie Goulding and every member of McBusted had made their own debut in the world.

By 1994, Jack Whitehall, Demi Lovato and Ed Sheeran had tottered onto the stage of life, and Ms Bassey's services were requested again, as they were in 2000 (at the Dominion Theatre).

In 2005, she was on home turf at Cardiff's Millennium Centre, and now Shirley is back at the Palladium for one of the biggest events in the showbiz calendar. "My very first performance on The Royal Variety Performance was in 1961, and with each show it just gets better and better," she explains. "I'm excited and honoured to be a part of this year's show and to share the stage with such great talent."

The aforementioned Mr McIntrye is our host, and the line-up is the starriest since Bob Geldof got out his address book ahead of re-recording the Band Aid single.

Aside from Sheeran; Goulding; Lovato; Bette Midler; Simply Red; Alfie Boe; Ladysmith Black Mambazo's Inala and Collabro, there's comedy from Whitehall; Trevor Noah; Russell Kane; Sarah Millican and Rod Woodward.

Plus, the casts of Miss Saigon and hit cabaret La Soiree are also taking to the stage to entertain the crowd.

McIntrye is thrilled to be fronting the show again: "When The Queen FaceTimed me and asked me to host the Royal Variety Performance again I was utterly thrilled, especially when she told me it was to be in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, whose presence I have never been in before. "I plan on wearing the dress Catherine wore at the St Andrew's University fashion show to guarantee I hold Prince William's attention throughout."

Bette Midler is also thrilled to be taking part: "As a little girl growing up with dreams of being a singer, I never imagined I would one day perform for members of the Royal Family," she enthuses. "It's quite an honour to take the stage before such a distinguished audience, and it's a privilege to be included in a long list of talented artists who have been a part of The Royal Variety Performance for over a century."

Shirley Bassey features, The Royal Variety Performance 2014, Monday, ITV, 7.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Jamie's Cracking Christmas

Channel 4, 8pm

Jamie Oliver whips up a selection of festive, easily prepared dishes in his own kitchen, showing viewers how to impress friends and family with a menu full of delicious treats. Recipes for some of the chef's personal favourites, including beef Wellington, roast goose with all the trimmings, cocktails, steamed goose buns, and chocolate and marmalade panettone bread-and-butter tart, are certain to help keen cooks raise their Christmas spread to the next level.

TUESDAY

Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

Channel 4, 8pm

Is there anything Kirstie Allsopp can't do? After all, this is the woman who will not only find you a house with plenty of period features, she could also give you a few pointers on how to make a stocking to hang over that vintage fireplace. In this seasonal special, she's even got her own little grotto (no doubt guaranteed to increase in value) in the very desirable location of Blenheim Palace's magical Christmas fair, where she's joined by top crafters from across the UK to show us how to add the personal touch to this year's celebrations. Kirstie will be immersing herself in some of the workshops available at the fair, but she'll also be looking a little further afield for her inspiration as she heads to Norway to learn more about the customs that make up a Scandinavian Christmas, and incorporate them into her own crafty ideas.

WEDNESDAY

The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies

ITV, 9pm

Some actors burst onto the showbiz scene with all guns blazing and become overnight stars, burning brightly in the consciousness for decades. Then there are the character actors who beaver away, delivering terrific turns year after year, eventually making the masses realise that they are national treasures. Jason Watkins has fallen into the latter camp for some time now. Now the much-in-demand thespian takes on one of the most demanding roles of his career, as Christopher Jefferies, the man caught up in the 2010 disappearance of Joanna Yeates in Bristol. A retired teacher, Jefferies' life was turned on its head when his tenant Joanna disappeared without a trace just before Christmas, but as the investigation gathered pace, he found himself at the forefront of it – as the police's prime suspect. Ben Caplan, Shaun Parkes and Peter Polycarpou star alongside Watkins in what's bound to be hard-hitting viewing.

Kirstie's Handmade Christmas, Tuesday, Channel 4, 8pm

THURSDAY

BBC Music Awards

BBC1, 8pm

Chris Evans and Fearne Cotton host the inaugural BBC Music Awards, broadcast live across BBC One, Radio 1 and Radio 2 from London's Earls Court. An array of British and international singers and bands come together to celebrate the past year in music, and there could be a few surprising collaborations. Performers confirmed so far include Ed Sheeran, Paloma Faith, Take That, Coldplay, George Ezra, Labrinth, Ella Henderson, Calvin Harris and pop-classical fusion quartet Clean Bandit – and not forgetting a certain boy band going by the name of One Direction. During the evening, three awards will be presented – British Artist of the Year, International Artist of the Year and Song of the Year – and while the first two are chosen by a panel of music journalists, the last one is voted for by members of the public. Also being broadcast on Radio 1 and Radio 2.

FRIDAY

A Night in with Olly Murs

ITV, 9pm

Five years ago, we had no idea who Olly Murs was. He'd just returned to the UK after backpacking in Australia, and was about to audition for The X Factor for the third time – his first two attempts came to nothing. But it was a case of third time lucky, because Olly was suddenly in the limelight, and was the eventual runner-up to Joe McElderry. Since then, his laidback charm has won him an army of fans, and he recently released a new album entitled Never Been Better. Olly's success has also led to him being a one-off musical extravaganza, which features performances of his best-known hits, including Dear Darlin', Heart Skips a Beat and his latest single, Wrapped Up, as well as a few surprises moments involving his celebrity friends. "I am so excited about doing my first TV special," says Olly. "The show will be great fun, packed with off the wall comic segments, surprises and, of course, music."

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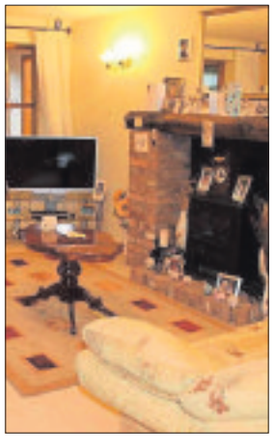

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Chase Road

A Well Presented Traditional 2 Bedroom Terraced Property, GCH, DG, Lounge, Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Enclosed Rear Garden, No Chain, Ideal First Time Buy

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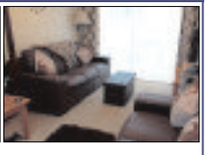
GARAGE

BROWNHILLS



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- A Two Bedroom Mid Terraced Property In Need of Improvement
- D/G, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden and No Onward Chain

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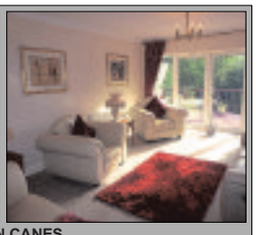
- Double detached garage
- 2 reception rooms, guests w.c.
- Fitted kitchen, laundry, utility
- Ground floor bedroom, bathroom
- Two first floor bedrooms
- EPC Rating E

Offers around £390,000



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NORTON HALL LANE

- Link detached bungalow
- Lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen
- Master bedroom, fully tiled en-suite
- Two further bedrooms
- Garage, driveway
- Private rear garden
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- EPC Rating D

Offers around £250,000

BLOXWICH
INGRAM ROAD

- Imposing detached property
- Extended accommodation
- Porch, entrance hallway
- Lounge, dining room, conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen, utility room
- Five bedrooms, bathroom, WC
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating to follow

Offers around £230,000

NEWTOWN
STAFFORD ROAD

- Beautifully appointed bungalow
- Considerably extended and improved
- Central heating, double glazing, alarm
- 2 Reception rooms, kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, shower room
- Refurbished family bathroom
- Covered side, extensive gardens
- EPC rating E

Offers around £229,950

HEATH HAYES
BANK STREET

- Period detached residence
- Through lounge
- Further two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Three further bedrooms, bathroom
- Rear garden
- EPC Rating E

£180,000

BLOXWICH
STONEY LANE

- Superb extended, detached residence
- Security alarm, double garage
- 2 elegent reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen, Conservatory
- Downstairs shower room
- 5 bedrooms, En-suite, Bathroom
- Stunning plot with mature gardens
- Energy Rating E

Offers Around £395,000

CHESLYN HAY
HAZELWOOD CLOSE

- Imposing detached property
- Pleasant Cul-de-Sac location
- 3 reception rooms, guest WC
- Breakfast kitchen, utility
- 4 double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, double garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £370,000

NEW PRICE

BROWNHILLS
SHIRE LEA

- Superior detached dormer bungalow
- Lounge, dining room
- Fitted breakfast kitchen, utility
- Study/bedroom, guest WC
- Three en-suite bedrooms, bathroom
- Detached double garage
- Rear garden, gated driveway
- EPC Rating C

Purchase Price £325,000

BROWNHILLS
WATLING STREET

- Family detached residence
- Reception hall, lounge, conservatory
- Fitted dining kitchen, utility, wet room
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Annexe with lounge, bedroom and shower room
- Front driveway, rear garden
- EPC Rating D

Purchase Price £250,000

TURNBERRY, BLOXWICH
FORMBY WAY

- Fabulous detached residence
- Cul de Sac location
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Utility, study, guest WC
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Three further bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £250,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

CLAYHANGER
WYCH ELM ROAD

- Family detached residence
- Three reception rooms
- Extended fitted kitchen
- Utility, guest WC
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Shower room
- EPC Rating D

Offers around £244,950

NEW PRICE

BROWNHILLS
PELSALL ROAD

- Semi detached residence
- Lounge, dining room, study area
- Fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility, wet room
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Block paved driveway
- Rear garden
- EPC Rating D

Offers over £190,000

BROWNHILLS
BRIDGESIDE CLOSE

- Three storey end townhouse residence
- Lounge, fitted kitchen, guest WC
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Garage & parking to rear
- Central heating, double glazing
- EPC Rating C

Offers around £189,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

BURNTWOOD
LOMBARDY GROVE

- Family detached residence
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge, dining room
- Fitted kitchen, breakfast room
- Utility, study, bathroom
- Majority central heating
- Double glazing
- Internal viewing recommended

Offers around £189,950

GREAT WYRLEY
LONG LANE

- Extended traditional semi
- Prime location with fields to rear
- Well presented accommodation
- Two reception rooms, conservatory
- Kitchen, utility, shower room
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Lovely gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating C

Offers around £184,995

NEW INSTRUCTION

HEATH HAYES
BANK STREET

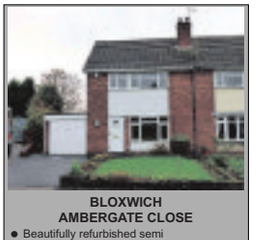
- Period detached residence
- Through lounge
- Further two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Three further bedrooms, bathroom
- Rear garden
- EPC Rating E

£180,000

CHESLYN HAY
SUTHERLAND ROAD

- Immaculate semi-detached house
- Popular village location
- Through lounge / dining room
- Stunning fitted kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, beautiful bathroom
- Rear garden, driveway parking
- Long carport / garage
- Viewing essential

Offers Around £169,950



BLOXWICH
AMBERGATE CLOSE

- Beautifully refurbished semi
- Pleasant Cul-de-Sac location
- Superb interiors. No chain
- Lounge, fabulous kitchen / diner
- Study, guest WC
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Garden, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £169,950

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WALSALL WOOD
BARNS CLOSE

- Detached residence
- Kitchen, lounge
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Fully tiled shower room
- Garage, driveway
- Rear garden with access to canal
- EPC rating D

Offers around £167,500

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Areas Covered:

Burntwood
Chase Terrace
Chasetown
Norton Canes
Brownhills
Clayhanger
Sandhills
Walsall Wood
Heath Hayes

NEW INSTRUCTION

BLOXWICH
SIMMONDS CLOSE

- Extended semi-detached house
- Separate shower room
- Pleasant Cul-de-Sac location
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- Lounge, dining / family room
- EPC rating to follow
- Superb kitchen, utility room
- Four bedrooms, bathroom

Offers around £175,000

GREAT WYRLEY
KEMPTON DRIVE

- Charming semi-detached home
- Desirable Cul de Sac location
- Deceptively spacious interiors
- Through lounge / diner
- Modern fitted kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, drive, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £164,950

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

- Charming traditional semi
- Cosy lounge/dining room
- Kitchen, Utility, W.C.
- Study. Conservatory
- 3 good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower
- Drive, garage, rear gardens
- Energy Rating E

Offers over £160,000

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NORTON CANES
PARK ROAD

- Semi detached corner residence
- Lounge, dining room
- Fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom, shower room
- Front & rear gardens
- NO CHAIN
- EPC Rating C

Offers around £159,950

GREAT WYRLEY
KEMPTON DRIVE

- Extended semi-detached house
- Pleasant Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge, dining room
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Three double bedrooms, bathroom
- Charming rear garden
- Driveway parking, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers over £155,000

CHESLYN HAY
CROSS STREET

- Impressive traditional terrace
- 2 reception rooms
- Contemporary fitted kitchen
- Modern ground floor bathroom
- Two double first floor bedrooms
- Spacious loft room
- Neat lawned gardens
- EPC Rating F

Offers Over £150,000

WALSALL WOOD
LICHFIELD ROAD

- Traditional family semi detached residence
- Reception room
- Open plan family room/kitchen
- Utility, guest WC
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Driveway, carport
- Rear garden with access to nature reserve
- EPC Rating E

Offers around £149,950

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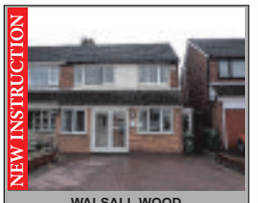

WALSALL WOOD
VIGO CLOSE

- Semi Detached Residence
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Dining Room, Guest WC
- Fully Tiled Bathroom, Driveway
- Double Glazing, Central Heating

Offers around £149,950

BROWNHILLS
CHERWELL DRIVE

- Link detached bungalow
- Lounge, fitted kitchen
- Conservatory, study
- Three bedrooms, part tiled bathroom
- Garage, block paved driveway
- Rear garden
- Central heating, double glazing
- EPC Rating E

Purchase Price £145,000

BROWNHILLS
SILVER STREET

- Mid townhouse residence
- Open plan lounge/dining room/kitchen
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- One further bedroom, bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- EPC Rating C

Offers over £140,000

WALSALL WOOD
BEECHTREE ROAD

- Semi detached residence
- Lounge, open plan dining room/kitchen
- Guest WC
- Three bedrooms
- Part tiled bathroom
- Driveway, rear garden
- NO CHAIN
- EPC Rating D

Offers around £139,950

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GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

- Charming period cottage
- Private driveway access
- Good sized accommodation
- Lounge, kitchen
- Downstairs WC, verandah
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom
- Double garage, gardens, no chain
- EPC rating F

Offers over £130,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

WALSALL WOOD
SALTERS ROAD

- End terrace residence
- Lounge, dining kitchen
- Utility, guest WC
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Garage, driveway
- Front & rear gardens
- NO CHAIN
- EPC Rating C

Offers around £129,950

CHURCHBRIDGE
WATLING STREET

- Traditional Semi Detached
- Pleasant Cul-de-Sac Location
- Well Presented Interiors
- Lounge, Good Sized Kitchen / Diner
- 2 Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom
- Driveway, Front & Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain
- EPC Rating D

Offers over £120,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY
ANSON ROAD

- Three storey mid terrace house
- Three double bedrooms, bathroom
- Beautifully presented interiors
- Gardens, off-road parking to rear
- Well appointed breakfast kitchen
- Garage in a separate block
- Spacious lounge, conservatory
- EPC rating D

Offers around £119,950

BROWNHILLS
CHESTER ROAD NORTH

- Semi detached residence
- Lounge, fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom, WC
- Front & rear gardens
- Majority electric heating, part d'ble glazing
- NO CHAIN
- Viewing recommended

Offers around £114,950

BROWNHILLS
VERNON AVENUE

- Semi detached property
- Lounge, fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Fully tiled bathroom
- Rear garden, off road parking
- Central heating, double glazing
- EPC Rating E

Offers around £104,950

WALSALL WOOD
BARROW CLOSE

- Ground floor flat
- Hallway
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms, bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- NO CHAIN
- EPC Rating C

Offers around £94,950

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Dartmouth Avenue **£330,000**

Connells are delighted to offer for sale this spacious detached house. The property offers flexible family accommodation comprising: entrance hallway, guest cloakroom, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen/ breakfast room, 4 bedrooms, en-suite, bathroom. The property occupies a large plot and is set back from the road with lawns and block paved driveway. There is a garage is to the rear of the plot and there are further lawns and a patio. The property is ideally located for Cannock Town Centre. Energy rating D.

Cannock

Elder Close **£132,500**

Connells are pleased to market this two bedroom semi detached house comprising of lounge, breakfast kitchen, bathroom, gas central heating and double glazing (where specified) and a driveway providing off road parking.

Energy rating: D.

Great Wyrley

Olde Hall Lane **£285,000**

Well Presented 4 Bedroom Detached House ●●Internal Viewing Highly Recommended●● Comprising of: Reception Hall, Guest W.C., Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, Master Bedroom with En-suite Shower Room, 3 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage. Energy rating: D.

Gorsey Lane, Cannock £320,000

Connells are delighted to offer for sale this deceptively spacious detached house, offers flexible family accommodation comprising: hallway, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, en-suite, bathroom with separate w.c., garage and gardens front and rear. Energy rating E.

Honeysuckle Way, Great Wyrley £315,000

Four bedroom detached house comprising briefly of entrance hall, guest wc, lounge, dining room, study/family room, fitted kitchen, utility room, conservatory, two en-suite shower rooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, double detached garage and off road parking. Energy rating; D.

The Meadows, Wedges Mills £365,000

Connells are pleased to market this 5 bedroom detached property, comprising of hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, double detached garage, front and rear garden. Energy rating: C

Forge Close, Churchbridge £159,950

Offering no upward chain this modern three storey town house set in a cul de sac location and briefly comprises of guest cloaks, study, breakfast kitchen, master en-suite and family bathroom. Energy Rating B

Condor Grove, Heath Hayes £242,250

Set in a corner plot of a CUL-DE-SAC the property comprises of entrance porch to hall, lounge, dining area, STUDY, kitchen, utility, CONSERVATORY, guest cloaks, FOUR BEDROOMS and family bathroom, private attractive rear gardens, ample OFF ROAD PARKING with gardens and garage. Energy Rating: D.

The Park, Cross Street £500,000

Connells are pleased to offer to market this Victorian five bedroom detached property which comprises of dining room, lounge, sitting room, study, kitchen diner, family bathroom, entrance room, basement lounge, store room, laundry room, garden and double garage. Viewing is essential. Energy rating: D.

Lakeland Court, Hednesford £279,950

Connells are pleased to market this 3 bedroom mid barn style property comprising of hallway, lounge, dining room, downstairs wc, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and garage. Energy rating C.

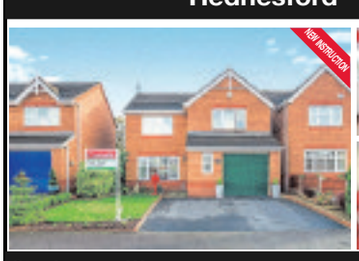
Berwyn Grove, Cheslyn Hay £169,950

A well presented two bedroom semi-detached bungalow having central heating and double glazing (where specified). Comprising of refitted kitchen/diner, lounge, inner hall, refitted shower room/w.c., carport and garage, front and rear gardens. Energy rating: B.

Rugeley Road, Hednesford £190,000

A completely renovated detached two bedroom bungalow decorated to a very high standard throughout. The property is on a vibrant road, conveniently close to local amenities, including shops and schools and within walking distance of the town centre and Hednesford train station. No chain. Energy Rating: D

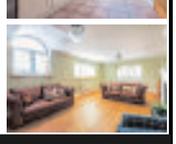
Hednesford



Stephenson Way **£190,000**

Connells are pleased to market this four bedroomed detached house comprising of hallway, lounge, dining area, downstairs wc, master bedroom with en-suite, bathroom, gas central heating and double glazing (where specified) front and rear gardens and garage. Energy rating: D.

Great Wyrley



Norton Lane **£375,000**

●●A STUNNING INDIVIDUALLY BUILT 3/4 BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE●● set behind secure gates at the head of a driveway situated in a sought after location. INTERNAL INSPECTION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to appreciate the high standard of fittings. Enjoying excellent commuter links and local amenities. Energy Rating D.

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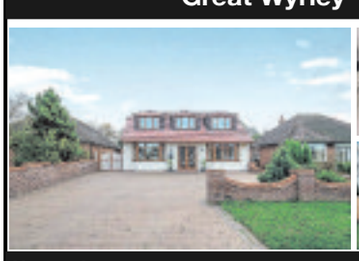

Norton Lane **£425,000**

This 4/5 bed detached property which has been designed to a high standard and offering a wealth of versatile living accommodation. comprises of porch, reception hall, lounge, guest w.c., study/bedroom 5, dining room, generous breakfast kitchen with fitted appliances, laundry, ground floor master bedroom with walk-in wardrobe and en-suite bathroom with shower, 3 first floor bedrooms with en-suites off, gas central heating, under floor heating where specified, intruder alarm, UPVC double glazing, generous off road parking plus garage, landscaped rear garden. Energy rating: D.

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Horseshoe Drive Offers in excess of £220,000

A well presented four bedroom detached house, comprising of entrance hall, guest wc, kitchen/ dining room, four bedrooms, two en-suite shower rooms, family bathroom, garage, front and rear gardens and driveway. viewing is highly recommended. Energy rating: C.

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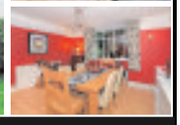

Greenheath Road £240,000

Connells are pleased to market this three bedroom detached property comprising of hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden, double glazing and central heating (where specified) garage and driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: F.

Great Wyrley

Kempton Drive Offers over £155,000

Connells are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached house comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, part double glazing and gas central heating (where specified), garage, front and rear garden. Energy rating: D.

Hilton Lane, Great Wyrley £165,000

Set in a highly sought after location, internal inspection is recommended to appreciate the size of this semi detached family home being in need of some modernisation. Benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing (where specified) and comprising of entrance hall, guest cloaks, 'L' shaped lounge, breakfast kitchen, inner lobby with tool store, three double bedrooms, shower room, extensive rear garden, garden and off road parking to front and integral garage. Energy rating: C.

Leveson Avenue, Cheslyn Hay Offers over £155,000

A well presented extended three bedroom semi detached property having central heating and double glazing (where specified) comprising of porch, entrance hall, lounge, extended dining room, kitchen, inner lobby, downstairs wet room, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom/wc, enclosed rear garden, driveway and garage affording off road parking. Viewing highly recommended. Energy rating: D.

Bramwell Drive, Cheslyn Hay £324,950

Connells estate Agents are pleased to offer to market this four bedroom detached house comprises of hallway, lounge, dining room, study, breakfast kitchen, gas central heating, utility, downstairs wc, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, double garage and front and rear garden. Energy rating: D.

Lyndhurst Road, Cannock £114,000

Connells are pleased to market this two bedroom end terraced house having central heating and double glazing (where specified) comprising of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, utility room, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking. Energy rating: E.

Chaseley Avenue, Cannock £190,000

Connells are pleased to market this four bedroom semi-detached house comprising of hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen, bathroom, carport, garage, front and rear garden, double glazing and gas central heating (where specified). Energy rating: D.

High Street, Norton Canes £119,950

Connells are delighted to offer for sale this much improved two bedroom semi-detached house having double glazing and central heating (where specified) comprises of reception hall, through lounge, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, enclosed rear garden, block paved driveway. Internal viewing is highly recommended. Energy rating E.

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Canterbury Drive, Rugeley

A modern first floor apartment located on a sought after development. Benefiting from Electric Storage Heating the property is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Entrance Hallway to First Floor Landing, Lounge, Open Plan Kitchen, One Bedroom and Bathroom. Allocated parking. EPC RATING - C

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Grindcobbe Grove, Rugeley

A well presented three bedroomed starter home having been refitted with Kitchen and Bathroom. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hallway, Lounge and Refitted Kitchen. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear with secure off road parking to rear. EPC RATING - E

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Brereton Mews, Brereton

Located close to local amenities is this two bedroomed ground floor flat ideal for investors Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN this gas centrally heated accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Inner Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking. EPC RATING - B

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Anson Mews, Rugeley

A two bedroomed mews house onto the Trent and Mersey Canal and walking distance to Town Centre. Double Glazing and Electric Heating. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hallway, Kitchen and Lounge. Landing,Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking.NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - E

£105,000

The Laurels, Rugeley

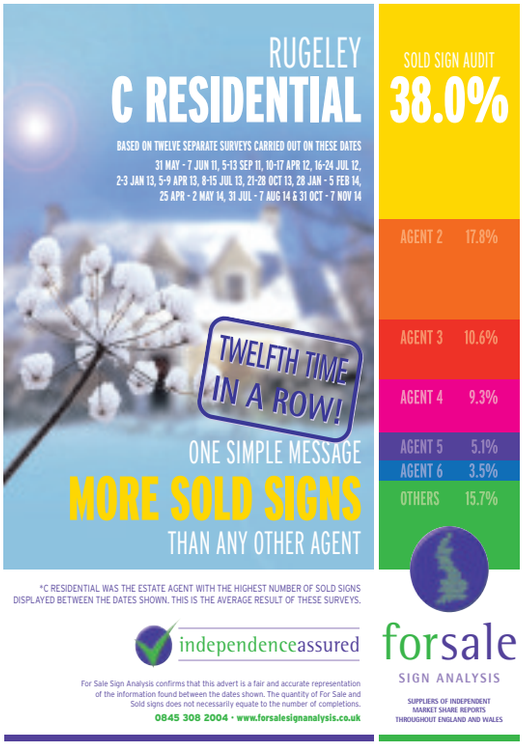
A well presented two bedroomed mid terraced bungalow in a sheltered housing complex. Accommodation comprises Entrance Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Communal Parking and Communal Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

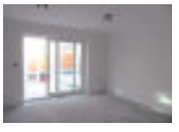
£110,000

The Laurels, Rugeley

A two Bedroomed End Terraced Bungalow in a sheltered housing complex. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Communal Parking and Communal Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

£115,000





Sheep Fair, Rugeley

A select development of three new build detached bungalows in town centre location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hallway, Lounge into Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking and Garden to rear. Gated secure complex. 10 YEAR BUILDERS GUARENTEE.

£179,995

Bryans Lane, Rugeley

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£116,995

Fairmount Way, Rugeley

A three bedroomed semi detached property in a quiet sought after cul de sac location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway,Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing,Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - D

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A three bedroomed semi detached property in a popular village location. Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Porch and Downstairs WC. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off road parking to Detached Garage and gardens to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - G

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St Thomas Way, Hawksyard Estate

A modern three bedroomed semi detached property on a sought after development. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear and Two Allocated Parking spaces. EPC RATING - B

£175,000

Thompson Road, Brereton

A three bedroomed detached family home on a sought after estate.Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch,Lounge,Breakfast Kitchen and Conservatory. Landing,Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Front and Good sized Garden to rear. EPC RATING - D

£178,000

High Ridge, Etchinghill

A two bedroomed detached bungalow in quiet cul de sac location.Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing.Accommodation comprises Entrance Hallway,Kitchen,Lounge/Dining Room,Bathroom,Bedroom One with Shower En Suite, Bedroom and Conservatory.Driveway to Detached Garage and Gardens to front and rear.NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

£189,950

Rowan Drive, Handsacre

A well presented two bedroomed detached bungalow in a sought after village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises Entrance Porch, Hallway,Shower Room, Two Bedrooms, Lounge,Conservatory and Kitchen. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

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DEPOSIT £658

£475 pcm

Old Eaton Road, Rugeley

Spacious semi detached property in popular location comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with some appliances. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage. Gardens to front and rear. Workshop/Studio.

NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C

DEPOSIT £850

£615 pcm

Horse Fair, Rugeley

Second floor property. Communal Entrance with security system. Accommodation comprises of Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Two Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Parking to rear. EPC Rating F

NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating F

DEPOSIT £588

£425 pcm

Slitting Mill Road, Slitting Mill

Delightful character cottage in sought after location, benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Lounge, Dining Kitchen with some appliances, Groundfloor Bathroom with roll top bath and separate shower cubicle. Two Bedrooms. Feature beams throughout. Gardens to front and rear. Stunning views over open fields.

NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating E

DEPOSIT £845

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Cheviot Drive, Etchinghill

Detached Property, Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing. Comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen with some appliances, Utility Room, Guest Cloaks. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Driveway. Gardens to front and rear. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC RATING - D

Deposit £865

£625 pcm

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- Good size plot, ideal investment
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- Driveway, Enclosed rear garden
- Ideal first time buyers property
- EPC rating E

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- EPC rating D

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- Driveway & Enclosed rear garden
- Viewing Highly recommended
- Ideal first time buyers property
- Awaiting EPC rating

£132,000

HEATH HAYES
CHARTERFIELD CLOSE

- A four bedroom detached house
- Occupying corner position
- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Refitted guest cloakroom, family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden, garage
- Viewing recommended, EPC rating D

£204,950

CANNOCK
PYE GREEN ROAD

- A traditional three bedroom house
- Double glazing
- Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom, Good sized rear garden
- Work required
- Awaiting EPC rating

£149,950

HEATH HAYES
MILLERS VALE

- Two bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Refitted kitchen, conservatory
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Driveway, Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating E

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- Front garden, allocated parking
- Viewing recommended
- EPC rating F, fees apply

£540 PCM

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- Two bedroom mid terraced house
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- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Two bedrooms, bathroom
- Garden to rear
- EPC rating D
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£525 PCM

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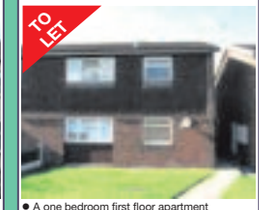
TO LET



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Four bedroom detached house / Set back from road / Driveway for two vehicles / Integral garage / Private rear garden

£250,000

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- CASH BUYERS ONLY
- Good location and offered with No Chain
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen and utility room
- Four good size bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens with driveway

£105,000

Tunnicliffe Drive, Rugeley

- Three bedroom semi detached home
- Good location, must be viewed
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens to front and rear

£120,000

Fairmount Way, Etching Hill

- Well presented three bedroom semi detached
- Good location, must be viewed
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen/ diner, conservatory
- Three god size bedrooms, family bathroom
- Gardens, driveway and detached garage

£139,950 Guide Price

Anson Street, Rugeley

- Superb traditional detached property
- Close to town centre and amenities
- Large rear gardens and plentiful parking
- Two reception rooms, three good size bedrooms
- Viewing essential. Offers Considered

£259,950

Priory Road, Brereton

- Immaculate semi detached bungalow
- Large lounge, Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Good location, viewing essential
- Front and rear gardens, plentiful parking

£149 950

Greenfields Drive, Rugeley

- Spacious three/ four bedroom semi detached
- Good size extended accommodation, must be viewed
- Three first floor bedrooms, further ground floor bedroom
- Large lounge, conservatory, breakfast kitchen
- Gardens, driveway and No Chain

£149,500

Orchard Close, Rugeley

- Well presented three bedroom detached
- Enviable cul de sac location, must be viewed
- Large lounge, extended dining room, kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, carport, single garage, parking

£185,000 Guide Price

Hislop Road, Rugeley

- Lovely two bedroom detached bungalow
- Well presented interior and quality finish
- Two good size bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Lounge with patio doors, modern kitchen
- Low maintenance grounds with parking, No Chain

£115,000

Chichester Close, Rugeley

- Spacious four bedroom detached home
- Private corner position with plentiful parking
- Two reception rooms, impressive modern kitchen
- Four good size bedrooms, three bathrooms
- Garage, gardens and NO CHAIN

£244,950

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NEW

Church Street, Rugeley

- Large traditional terraced property
- Original features offered with No Chain
- Three good size bedrooms, large kitchen
- Beautifully presented, two reception rooms
- Gardens and parking to front

£199,950 Guide Price

NEW

Worcester Close, Rugeley

- Spacious three bedroom detached property
- Good location and offered with No Chain
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, guest wc
- Three good size bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Gardens, garage and driveway

£185,000

Hednesford Road, Rugeley

STAR BUY

- Immaculate three bedroom town house
- Good location close to local amenities
- Hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, guest wc, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Viewing essential, allocated parking and gardens

£164,950 Guide Price

NEW

Levett Grange, Rugeley

- Beautifully presented detached family home
- Corner position with gardens and garage
- Large lounge, guest wc, impressive kitchen
- Three good size beds, two bathrooms
- Must be viewed, superb value

£194,950

MUST BE VIEWED

Main Road, Brereton

- Beautifully presented detached bungalow
- Good size accommodation throughout, three bedrooms
- Hallway, large lounge, modern kitchen
- Three bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Gardens, garage and driveway, viewing essential

£197,000 Guide Price

Wattfield Close, Brereton

4 BED

- Spacious four bedroom semi detached
- Popular location with open fields to rear
- Three reception rooms, conservatory, breakfast kitchen
- Four good size bedrooms, family bathroom
- Front and rear gardens, garage and parking

£174,950 Guide Price

SOLD

Eaton Drive, Rugeley

- Unusual three bedroom end town house
- Spacious layout and well presented accommodation
- Three good size bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen, large lounge/ Dining room
- Allocated parking, large garden, No Chain

£142,000

MUST BE VIEWED

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- Stunning four bedroom family home
- Presented to an exceptional standard
- Refitted kitchen, conservatory, two reception rooms
- Four good size bedrooms, three bathrooms
- Garage, parking, private gardens

£249,950 Guide Price

Armitage Road, Rugeley

EXTENDED

- Traditional detached property
- Good location, corner plot with parking
- Two reception rooms, large kitchen
- Two/ Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Viewing essential, Offers considered

£169,950 Guide Price

NO CHAIN

Waverley Gardens, Etching Hill

- Detached two bedroom bungalow in prime location
- Superb views over countryside, good size garden
- Two good size bedrooms, bathroom, lounge
- Conservatory, kitchen, garage and carport
- No chain, all sensible offers considered

£185,000 Offers Considered

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WESTMINSTER ROAD

- Extended Semi Detached
- Reception Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 En-Suites
- Guests w.c.

£149,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
BROOKLANDS AVENUE

- Detached Dorma
- Hallway
- Lounge /Diner
- Kitchen.
- Conservatory
- Laundrey Room
- Bathroom, Shower Room

£225,000

HEDNESFORD
LITTLEWORTH ROAD

- Four Bed Detached
- Hallway,Lounge
- Dining room,
- Conservatory
- Kitchen,
- Study/Playroom
- En- Suite,Bathroom
- Driveway,Gardens

Offers Around £194,950

CANNOCK
WILLIAM MORRIS GROVE

- Semi Detached
- Hallway, Lounge
- Conservatory, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- G.C.H. UPVC
- Gardens
- EPC Rating D

OFFERS OVER £102,000

CANNOCK
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

- Victorian Semi
- Lounge, D.Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Refitted Shower Room
- Gardens

£129,950

NORTON CANES
NORTON HALL LANE

- Detached Bungalow
- Hallway, Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Private Garden, Barn
- G.C.H.,D.G. Stables

£250,000

CANNOCK
ROWAN CROFT

- Apartment
- Warden Control
- Over 55's
- Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen
- Bathroom, Bedroom
- visitor Bedroom
- No Chain

£35,000 75% Share

HEDNESFORD
HEATH STREET

- Semi Detached
- Porch, Lounge
- Kitchen, Guests w.c.
- Conservatory
- Utility, 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, G.C.H
- Upvc D.G.,Driveway
- Rear Garden

£139,999

HEDNESFORD
BOOTH STREET

- End Terraced
- Through Hallway
- Lounge,dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Courtyard Garden

£105,000

CANNOCK
HEDNESFORD STREET

- Town Centre
- 4 Bed Det
- Hall, Guests w.c.
- Lounge.
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Gardens, Garage
- Driveway

£220,000

CHESLYN HAY
HAWTHORNE ROAD

- Extended Family Home
- Contempory Lounge
- Bespoke
- Family Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, Dressing Room
- Luxury Bathroom

£209,950

BROOMHILL
VICTORIA STREET

- Detached House
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- No Chain

Guide Price £95,000

GREAT WYRLEY
CEDAR GROVE

- Detached Family Home
- Corner Plot
- 3 Reception Rooms
- 4 bedrooms, 2 En-suites
- Family Bathroom
- Double

£300,000

HUNTINGTON
CAVANS WOOD

- Mobile Home
- Hallway, Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen. 2 Bedrooms
- En-suite, Bathroom
- G.C.H. UPVC D.G
- Parking, Gardens
- Viewing

£104,950

HEATH HAYES
HEDNESFORD ROAD

- Period Executive Detached Lounge, Dining Room Breakfast Room.
- Kitchen Sun Room, Snug Utility Room Guests W.C 4 Bedrooms.

£380,000

HEDNESFORD
FIELDHOUSE ROAD

- 2 Bed Semi Det
- Porch, Hallway
- Lounge,D.Room
- New Kitchen,Utility
- Garden,Garage
- Workshop

OFFERS AROUND £126,950

HEATH HAYES
QUAIL CLOSE

- 3 Bed Det.Home
- Lounge, D. Room
- Kitchen
- Guests w.c.
- En-Suite, Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage
- No Chain

£187,500

NORTON CANES
SILVER BIRCH ROAD

- Semi Detached
- Porch, Hallway
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Kitchen, Utility Area
- Shower Room
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom

£114,950

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

- Detached House
- Reception Hallway
- Guests w.c. Lounge
- Dining/Family Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms,En-suite
- Bathroom
- Det. Double Garage

£275,000

HEATH HAYES
LANGHOLM DRIVE

- Extended Semi Detached
- Extended Lounge
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Driveway, Gardens

OFFERS OVER £144,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
MITRE ROAD

- Semi Detached
- Hallway,
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Sep W.C.

£129,950

HEATH HAYES
STAFFORD STREET

- Auction
- End Terraced House
- Dining Room. Lounge
- Verandah, kitchen
- Bathroom
- 3 Bedrooms,
- GCH, Upvc D.G.

Guide Price £95,000

HEDNESFORD
WYVERN GROVE

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge,Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Shower Room,Garage
- Gardens,Driveway

OFFERS OVER £135,000

CANNOCK
HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD

- Det Bungalow
- Hallway,
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Gdns, D.G.,GCH

£179,950

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HEDNESFORD
HILL STREET

- Semi Detached
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Garden

£129,950

HUNTINGTON
LUPIN DRIVE

- 2nd Floor Apartment
- Communal Hallway
- Hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- bathroom,GCH
- Upvc D.G.Parking

40% Shared Equity £39,995

HEDNESFORD
ORION ROAD

- Hallway
- lounge/Diner
- Re Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens

£125,000

HEDNESFORD
MOUNT STREET

- Spacious Det. House
- Hallway, Guests w.c.
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, En-suite
- Bathroom. G.C.H.

£155,000

HEDNESFORD
HEATH STREET

- Spacious Terrace
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Luxury Bathroom
- D.G,GCH
- No Chain

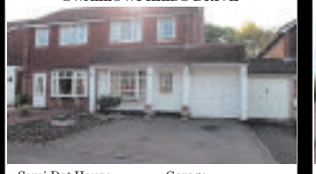
£109,950

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

- Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hallway
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Shower Room. Utility

£259,950

HEDNESFORD
SWALLOWFIELDS DRIVE



- Semi Det House
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Beds. Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway
- No Chain

£155,000

HUNTINGTON
DEER CLOSE

- Detached Family Home
- Through Hallway, Guests w.c.
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- 4

£225,000

HEDNESFORD
LITTLEWORTH ROAD

- Traditional Mid Terrace
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- 3 Bedrooms
- Upvc

£103,000

HEATH HAYES
HEDNESFORD ROAD

- End terrace
- Lounge, Dining room
- Kitchen
- 2 Beds. Bathroom
- G.C.H. Upvc D.G
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Viewing rec

£100,000

HEDNESFORD
COTSWOLD CLOSE

- Semi Detached
- Lounge, Kitchen
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Family Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens, Driveway
- Close to Cannock Chase

£136,950

CALF HEATH
QUEENS ROAD

- Executive Home
- Hall,W.C,Lounge
- Dining Room
- Sitting
- Room, Kitchen
- Utility Room, En suite
- 5 Bedrooms.

£380,000

HEATH HAYES
REMBRANDT CLOSE

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Shower- Room
- Driveway
- No Chain

£84,950

HEATH HAYES
WIMBLEBURY ROAD

- Dorma Bungalow
- Hallway, Lounge
- Utility,Kitchen
- 5 Bedrooms.En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- No Chain

£325,000

HEATH HAYES
GRIEG COURT

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- New Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens

£122,500

RUGELEY
MAIN ROAD

- Detached Home
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Wet Room, w.c.
- Garage, Storage Room

£184,950

CANNOCK
OLD FALLOW ROAD

- Semi Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Courtyard Garden
- No Chain

£115,000

NORTON CANES
DEER CLOSE

- 4 Bed Det
- Porch,Hallway
- Dining Room
- Lounge,Sun Room
- Study,Kitchen,utility
- en-suite,Bathroom
- Gardens,Driveway
- Garage. No Chain

£250,000

HEDNESFORD
BROADHURST GREEN

- 3 Bed Detached Bungalow
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Refitted Bathroom
- Two Garages
- Extensive Gardens
- Private Driveway

£219,950

HEATH HAYES
CHARTERFIELD DRIVE

- Semi Detached
- Porch, Lounge
- Dining / Sitting Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom. Garage

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HEDNESFORD
LITTLEWORTH ROAD

- Detached Home
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen, Guests W.C
- Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gardens

£189,950

HEDNESFORD
RAWNSLEY ROAD

- Character Cottage
- Views overlook Chase
- Extensive Gardens
- Lounge/Diner, Snug
- Conservatory
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Double Bedrooms

£295,000

HEDNESFORD
RAWNSLEY ROAD

- Traditional Mid Terraced
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- G.C.H. D.Glazed

£109,995

HEDNESFORD
HEATH STREET

- Detached Bungalow
- Through Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Fully Refurbished
- Upvc D.Glazed

£179,950

CANNOCK
CHASELEY CROFT

- Detached Home
- Individual Build
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility, Guests w.c.
- Refitted Bathroom
- 4 Bedrooms
- Double Garage

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HEATH HAYES
WIMBLEBURY ROAD

- Detached Dorma Bungalow
- Hallway, Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Gardens

£289,950

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

- 3 Bedroom Semi
- Hallway, Guests w.c.
- Lounge/Diner, Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Parking, G.C.H
- Upvc D.G

OFFERS OVER £150,000

CHESLYN HAY
HIGH STREET

- Detached Family Home
- Hallway
- Guests w.c.
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- 4 Bedrooms
- Gardens. Workshop

£179,950

HEATH HAYES
MEADOW WAY

- Detached Home
- Hallway,Guest W.C.
- Lounge,Kitchen/diner
- Playroom/study
- Five Bedrooms
- Bathroom,
- Driveway,Garage
- No Chain

£240,000

HEATH HAYES
SWEETBRIAR WAY

- Detached House
- Hallway,Guest W.C.
- Sitting Room,Lounge
- Dining
- Room,Conservatory
- Kitchen,Utility Room
- 5 Bedrooms,En-Suite
- Bathroom,Garage

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- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garage
- Garden
- EPC Rating F

£650 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

NORTON CANES
NEWMARKET ROAD

- Unfurnished
- Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- EnSuite
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£625 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

RUGELEY
LANEHEAD WALK

- Unfurnished
- Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£555 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

- Unfurnished
- Detached Cottage
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- Study
- EPC Rating C

£495 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
BRINDLEY CRESCENT

- Unfurnished
- Terrace House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£495 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
BEVERLEY HILL

- Unfurnished
- Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating E

£495 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

BLOXWICH
MAY STREET

- Unfurnished
- Terrace House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden
- EPC Rating D

£450 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

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KENILWORTH COURT, MILL ST

- Unfurnished
- Ground Floor Flat
- Protected Access
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Close to Train Station
- EPC Rating D

£425 pcm SORRY NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
GREENSLADE GROVE

- Unfurnished
- Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£395 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
ST STEPHENS COURT

- Unfurnished
- Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£395 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HEATH WAY

- Unfurnished
- First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Parking
- EPC Rating C

£395 pcm SORRY NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
APPLE WALK

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- Heating
- Double Glazing
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- EPC Rating D

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- EPC Rating D

£395 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD

- Unfurnished
- Town House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Guest WC
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- EPC Rating C

£495 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
PRICE STREET

- Unfurnished
- Terrace House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- EPC Rating D

£475 pcm + FEES - NO DSS

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138 CANNOCK ROAD, BLACKFORDS, CANNOCK
THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACED HOUSE
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Dining room
- Sitting room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Rear garden
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: tbc

£550 pcm

7 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE
ATTRACTIVE THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Guests cloakroom
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: 76

£665 pcm

6 ST MARYS CLOSE, SHARESHILL
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In The Sought After Village Of Shareshill

- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen & dining room
- Study/family room
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Built-on garage
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: tbc

£675 pcm

1 GROUSE WAY, HEATH HAYES
IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE
With Well Planned Accommodation On Three Floors Within Easy Reach Of Facilities At Cannock And Heath Hayes Centre

- Reception hall & cloakroom with WC
- Two reception rooms
- Double glazed conservatory
- Four double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Detached garage
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating: 77

£900 pcm

APARTMENT 5 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CROWN BRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENTLocated Conveniently For Penkridge Village Centre

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking space
- Intercom access
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: 80

£550 pcm

5 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED TWO STOREY TWO BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION
Located On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Communal grounds
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: 82

£615 pcm plus monthly service charge

147C BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES
WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Gardens
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating: 54

£675 pcm

104 FERNWOOD DRIVE, RUGELEY
SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Ground floor entrance hall
- Landing
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom with WC
- Predominantly double glazed
- Economy 7 electric heating
- Sorry No DSS, Smokers or Pets
- EPC rating 40

£400 p.c.m

15 BUCKTHORN CLOSE, HEDNESFORD
WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSELocated At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Play room/ sitting room
- Guests cloakroom
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- All windows double glazed
- Gas central heating
- EPC rating: tbc

£750pcm

1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY, PENKRIDGE
SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner Hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no Dss, pets or smokers
- EPC rating

£595 pcm

7 PILLATON HOUSE, CROWN BRIDGE COURT, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED SECON FLOOR APARTMENT located In This Much Sought After Development For Penkridge Village Centre

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking
- Sorry No DSS or Pets
- EPC rating 76

£550 pcm

20 AVON ROAD, CANNOCK
REFURBISHED SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Side enclosed verandah
- Utility room
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- All windows double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Off road parking
- EPC rating: 52

£575 pcm

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290 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Reception hall
- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC Rating: 54

£265,000 FREEHOLD

8 WELLINGTON DRIVE, CANNOCK

WELL MAINTAINED DETACHED BUNGALOW OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION In Popular Residential Area Of The Town

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Wet room and shower room
- Garage an carport
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating 62

£235,000 FREEHOLD

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8 COTTAGE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

LINK DETACHED THREE BEDROOMED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford Town Centre

- Lounge and dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Utility and cloakroom
- 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Build-on garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£169,995

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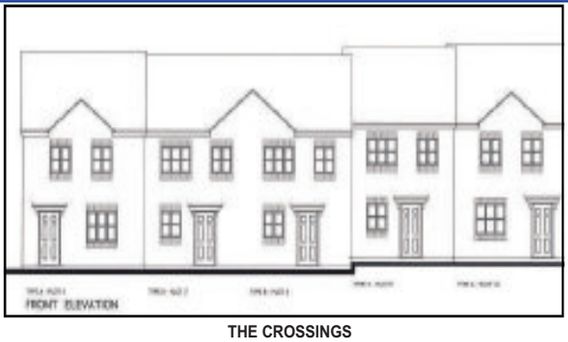
THE CROSSINGS

MILL STREET, CANNOCK, WS11 0DR

CRAIGWATTS HOMES



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A DEVELOPMENT OF TEN HIGH SPECIFICATION TWO AND THREE BEDROOMED MEWS HOMES LOCATED ON PRIVATE DRIVE CONVENIENT FOR FACILITIES AT THE TOWN CENTRE

❖10 YEAR NHBC WARRANTY

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3	2	£139,950	AVAILABLE	FREEHOLD
4	2	£139,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD
5	3	£149,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD
6	3	£149,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD
7	2	£139,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD
8	2	£139,950	SALE AGREED	FREEHOLD
9	2	£139,950	AVAILABLE	FREEHOLD
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39 STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge/dining area
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating 54

£139,950 FREEHOLD

36 LUPIN DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

WELL EQUIPPED SIX BEDROOM HOUSE OFFERING ACCOMMODATION ON THREE FLOORS LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Six bedrooms
- Two en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating 81

£265,000 : FREEHOLD

84 STAFFORD ROAD, HUNTINGTON

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Located Within Reach of Facilities At the Town Centre

- Sitting room
- Living room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking/possible garage space
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating 51

£112,500 FREEHOLD

THE ORCHARD, 48 NEWLANDS LANE, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING WELL STOCKED AND MAINTAINED GARDENS CONVENIENT FOR FACILITIES AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double glazed conservatories
- Three double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Well stocked landscaped gardens
- Summer house and store room
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating 66

£345,000 FREEHOLD

30 THE MEADOWS, WEDGES MILLS

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located in Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After Village Convenient For Facilities of Cannock Town Centre

- Two reception rooms
- Double glazed conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen and utility room
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Secluded gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating 71

£308,000 FREEHOLD

16 ROWAN CROFT, PRICE STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Purpose Built Sheltered Housing Development Which Is Conveniently Located For Cannock Town Centre

- Entrance hall/study area
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Economy 7 electric heating
- Warden call system/security phone system
- Range of communal areas
- Fully double glazed
- Inspection highly recommended
- Age restrictions apply
- EPC rating 76

£25,000 for 50% Share

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CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW

- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen and conservatory
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Detached garage
- Well stocked garde4ns
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating 54

£265,000 FREEHOLD

2A & 2B DOVEDALE, CANNOCK

A DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR HIGH SPECIFICATION THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In A Private Drive

- Lounge
- Luxury fitted dining kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating - 2A 83 2B 82

£142,950 EACH. FREEHOLD

53 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK

INDIVIDUAL DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town Occupying Grounds Extending To Approx. 0.41 Of An Acre Or Thereabouts with the Benefit of Planning Permission for the Development of One Detached Residential Unit to the Rear

- Enclosed porch
- Reception hall
- Cloaks/shower room
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Landing
- Three double bedrooms
- Box room/study
- Family bathroom
- Garage
- Extensive mature gardens
- Out buildings
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Inspection highly recommended
- EPC Rating 43

£475,000 FREEHOLD

Ashbourne House

39 Old Penkridge Road, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS11 1HX

Distinctive Luxuriously Appointed Six Bedroomed Detached Residence Of Character

- Central Reception Hall
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Family/Breakfast Room
- Luxury Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Galleried Landing
- Six Bedrooms
- 5 En-Suites
- Integral Double Width Garage
- South Facing Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Fully Double Glazed
- Intruder Alarm
- EPC Rating 86
- 10 Year NHBC Warranty

PRICE: £875,000 FREEHOLD

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CROSSING COTTAGE, RUGELEY ROAD, MOORS GORSE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO/THREE BEDROOM CHARACTER COTTAGE WITH RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS INCLUDING KENNELS EXTENDING TO APPROX. 0.25 OF AN ACRE Adjoining Cannock Chase An Area Noted For Its Outstanding Natural Beauty

- Enclosed porch
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Nursery/study/ occasional bedroom three
- Bathroom
- All windows double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Detached garage with rear store
- Range of outbuildings including office/workshop and kennels
- Extensive gardens
- EPC rating 58

£279,995 FREEHOLD

33 PARKHOUSE GROVE, ALDRIDGE

GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Located In Secluded Position Convenient For Facilities At Aldridge Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen area
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating 84

£124,950 LEASEHOLD

HEATHFIELD HOUSE

SANDY LANE, CANNOCK, WS11 1RF

INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECT DESIGNED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED IN PRIME SHOAL HILL AREA OF THE TOWN

EPC Rating 72

PRICE - £845,000 FREEHOLD

CRAIGWATTS HOMES

LYNDON HOUSE, 32 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

IMPROVED DETACHED HOUSE OF CHARACTER Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Two reception rooms
- Double glazed conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Solid fuel central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating 16

£269,950 FREEHOLD

44 MAYCROFT CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOME Located in Cul-De-Sac in Popular Residential Area Convenient for Access to Cannock Chase

- Lounge
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens
- Possible garage space
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating tcb

£125,000 FREEHOLD

11 LANGDALE GREEN, CANNOCK

AN IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Enclosed porch
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Predominantly double glazed
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- EPC rating 54

£124,995 FREEHOLD

GANLLWYD COTTAGE, PARKSIDE LANE, HATHERTON, CANNOCK

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED COTTAGE OCCUPYING WELL STOCKED GROUNDS Located In Much Sought After Rural Greenbelt Position (Close To Cannock Chase Which Is Noted For Its Outstanding Natural Beauty) And Yet Within Easy Reach Of Facilities At Cannock Centre

- Side entrance hall
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and bathroom
- Well stocked gardens
- Detached double width garage
- Oil fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating 37

£399,950 FREEHOLD

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£120,000

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•Three Bed End Terrace •Lounge Diner
•Conservatory •Landscaped Gardens
•Off Road Parking To Rear •EPC = C

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HEDNESFORD

•Three Bed Terrace House •Kitchen Diner
•Lounge •Shower Room
•No Chain •EPC = C

£119,950

THE NOOK
CHESLYN HAY

•Four Bedroom Detached •Two Reception Rooms
•Kitchen Diner •Downstairs Shower Room
•Detached Garage To Rear •EPC = D

£215,000

LITTLEWORTH ROAD
HEDNESFORD

•Refurbished Mid Terrace •Two Bedrooms
•Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom •Utility Room/Guest WC
•Off Road Parking To Rear •EPC = C

£120,000

HOPTON MEADOW
HEATH HAYES

•Refurbished Detached House •Three Bedrooms
•Refitted Kitchen Diner & Shower Room
•Brick Built Storage To The Rear
•Driveway •EPC = D

£190,000

LONGFORD ROAD
CANNOCK

•Improved Semi Detached •Four Bedrooms & Refitted Bathroom
•Two Reception Rooms •Conservatory
•Garage •EPC = E

£225,000

WOOTTON CLOSE
CANNOCK

•Four Bedroom Detached •Three Reception Rooms
•Conservatory •Integral Garage
•Cul De Sac •EPC = D

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•Detached House •Three Bedrooms
•En-suite Shower Room •Lounge Diner
•Integral Garage •EPC = D

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STAGBOROUGH WAY
HEDNESFORD

•Semi Detached House •Three Bedrooms
•Lounge & Dining Room •Garage
•Front And Rear Gardens •EPC = E

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ST AIDANS ROAD
CANNOCK

•Semi Detached House •Two Bedrooms
•Kitchen Diner •Front, Side & Rear Gardens
•Off Road Parking •EPC = D

£129,995

OLD FALLOW ROAD
CANNOCK

•Two Bedroom Semi Detached
•Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
•Refitted Bathroom •Garage
•No Upward Chain •EPC = D

£122,500

FARM COURT
HEDNESFORD

•Exclusive Over 55's Apartment
•Ground Floor
•One Bedroom •Gardens
•Allocated Parking To Rear •EPC = B

£114,995

BELT ROAD
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•80% Shared Ownership •Lounge/Diner
•Electric Storage Heating •EPC = C

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CANNOCK

•Park Home •One Bedroom
•Side and Rear Gardens •Driveway
•Modern Kitchen •No Upward Chain

£39,950

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HEATH HAYES

•Four Bedroom Detached •En-suite Shower Room
•Two Reception Rooms •'P' Shaped Conservatory
•Parking To Front •EPC = D

£244,950

RAWNSLEY ROAD
HEDNESFORD

•Refurbished Traditional Semi •Three Bedrooms
•Two Reception Rooms •Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
•Detached Garage •EPC = E

£187,500

CAMPIANS AVENUE
CHESLYN HAY

•Semi Detached Bungalow •Two Bedrooms
•Front, Rear & Side Gardens •Off Road Parking
•No Upward Chain •EPC = C

£145,000

OLD FALLOW ROAD
CANNOCK

•Semi Detached House •Two Bedrooms
•Lounge/Dining Room •Parking To Rear
•Rear Garden •EPC = D

£125,000

PYE GREEN ROAD
CANNOCK

•Mid Terrace House •Two Bedrooms
•Two Reception Rooms •Kitchen
•Detached Garage •EPC = D

£119,950

LITTLEWORTH ROAD
HEDNESFORD

•First Floor Flat •One Bedroom
•Well Presented •Lounge/Diner
•Rear Garden •EPC = D

£75,000

PENNINE DRIVE
CANNOCK

•Detached House •Three Bedrooms
•Through Lounge Diner •Front, Side & Rear Gardens
•Garage •EPC = D

£220,000

BERRY HILL
HEDNESFORD

•Extended Semi Detached •Four Bedrooms
•Three Reception Rooms
•Conservatory
•Off Road Parking •EPC = D

£155,000

LANGHOLM DRIVE
HEATH HAYES

•Semi Detached House •Two Bedrooms
•Lounge & Conservatory •Rear Garden
•Driveway •EPC = D

£124,995

STAGBOROUGH WAY
HEDNESFORD

•Well Presented •Terraced House
•One Bedroom •Refitted Kitchen
•Parking •EPC = E

£84,950

HOLLY STREET
CHADSMOOR

•Four Bed Detached Bungalow
•Refitted Kitchen
•Refitted Bathroom With Separate Shower •Lounge Diner
•Garage •EPC = D

£199,999

SYCAMORE GREEN
CANNOCK

•Four Bed Semi Detached •Breakfast Kitchen
•Lounge & Conservatory •En-Suite Wet Room
•Off Road Parking •EPC = C

£130,000

PARK ROAD
CANNOCK

•First Floor Apartment •Two Bedrooms
•Lounge & Kitchen •Allocated Parking
•No Upward Chain •EPC = D

£120,000

PRICE STREET
CANNOCK

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•Off Road Parking •EPC = C

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HEATH HAYES

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•Two Reception Rooms •Guest Cloakroom
•Garage •EPC = C

£180,000

JAMES STREET
CANNOCK

•Two Bed Semi Detached •Refitted Family Bathroom
•Guest WC •Off Road Parking
•No Upward Chain •EPC = G

£112,000

REDBROOK CLOSE
HEATH HAYES

•Semi Detached House •Two Bedrooms
•Kitchen Diner •Off Road Parking
•No Upward Chain •EPC = C

£130,000

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- Garage & Off Road Parking
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- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory

£850 Pcm

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- Renovated Dormer Bungalow
- Corner Plot
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs Shower Room

£600 Pcm

Sandown Close,Cannock
- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Guest Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Kitchen Diner
- Family Bathroom

£575 Pcm

Hobby Way,Cannock
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- En-suite

£550 Pcm

Holt Crescent,Cannock
- 2 Bed Detached
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Off Road Oarking
- Double Glazing
- Entrance Hall

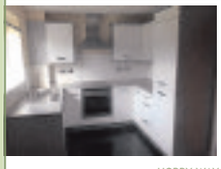
£550 Pcm

Mill Crescent,Cannock
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom

£525 Pcm

Capercaillie Drive,Cannock
- 1st Floor
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating

£495 Pcm



HOBBY WAY,Heath Hayes
- 2 Bed Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£500 Pcm

RAYDEN COURT,Cannock
- 2 Bed Apartment
- Open plan Lounge Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Second Floor

£475 Pcm

Stoney Croft,Cannock
- Communal Hallway
- Entrance Hall
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- One Bedroom
- Bathroom

£400 Pcm

TRINITY CLOSE,Cannock
- Onr bed flat
- Gas Central Heating
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Comunal Gardens & Parking

£350 Pcm

Hednesford Road,Cannock
- First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Gas central Heating
- 1 Bedroom

£300 Pcm

CEMETRY ROAD,Cannock
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
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- DHSS ACCEPTED

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- Well Presented Generous Living Space
- Impressive Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Five Beds & Three Re-fitted En-suites
- Individually Designed Family Home

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- Popular Cul-de-Sac Location
- Generous Living Space
- Fully Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite Shower Room

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- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Study
- Recently Refitted Modern Kitchen
- Master with En-suite
- Modern Family Bath And Shower Room

£235,000

Chase Road, Burntwood
- LAST ONE REMAINING
- Individual High Specification
- Charming & Highly Desirable Property
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room, Bathroom, En-suite

£229,950

Horseshoe Drive, Wimblebury
- Detached Family Home
- Popular Development
- Well Proportioned Living Space
- Three Reception Rooms
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite & Bathroom

£215,000

High Mount Street, Hednesford
- Impressive Detached New Build
- Close to Hednesford Town Centre
- Lounge/Diner & Downstairs WC
- Stunning Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite & Bathroom

£184,950

Keats Avenue, Cannock
- Sought After Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Sun Room, Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Kitchen
- Garden Backing onto Playing Fields
- Double Garage

£167,500

Rowan Close, Huntington
- Small Three Bedroom Modern Development
- Close To Cannock Chase, NHBC Certificate
- Immaculate House With Stunning Fitted Kitchen
- Generous Lounge/Diner
- En-suite & Bathroom
- Landscaped Rear Garden & Ample Drive

£159,950

Bideford Way, Cannock
- Immaculate Semi Detached House
- Popular Location, Conservatory
- Lounge/Diner, Re-fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Luxury Bathroom
- Viewing Imperative, No Upward Chain

£150,000

New Street, Hednesford
- Three Bed Semi
- Corner Plot
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
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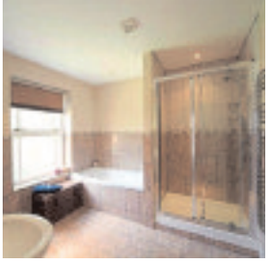

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Mazda3 a genuine player

By Graham Breeze

Mazda has really stepped up a gear in the last couple of years and the new Mazda 3 hatchback is probably the best of an impressive model range.

The company has been producing cars that are well made, well priced and fun to drive and the 2.0litre 120ps SE L-Nav tested is a first class example of the progress being made – and is as good as anything in its class.

And that's saying a lot because sitting in the opposition camp you will find Ford Focus, Vauxhall Astra, VW Golf and Kia Ceed so the competition is fierce.

Three main trim grades split the Mazda 3 range. The range starts with an SE, then SE-L, the top-spec is Sport, while adding sat-nav to your car upgrades it to a 'Nav' variant, hence the test car an SE-L Nav.

Mazda's recent success hinges on its 'SkyActiv' engineering technology, which focuses on high-tech manufacturing methods and reduced numbers of components to save weight and improve efficiency and agility.

The technology is really evident in this model as it's lighter, cheaper to run and better to drive than the old one.

Quality hasn't always been Mazda's strong point but things have moved on and the 3 rivals anything in class now with an attractive cabin complete with dense, soft-touch plastics on most of the dashboard.

The well equipped SE L-Nav gets rear parking sensors, Bi-Xenion headlights complete with impressive automatic levelling and cleaning, LED daytime running lights, front fogs and privacy glass.

Technology

Inside there's heated seats and dual control climate control air conditioning. You get Mazda's own navigation system, an adjustable speed limiter, cruise control, rain sensing wipers and dusk sensing lights too.

I'm a big fan of Mazda's infotainment technology and all functions are easily accessed using a seven-inch colour touchscreen that sits on top of the dashboard, or via a controller mounted between the front seats.

You should have no trouble getting comfortable up front as there's a wide range of seat and steering wheel adjustments available. The dipping roofline make things a bit tight in the back for three though.

Boot space is competitive and the 3 easily passed the golf club test. Rear seats fold almost flat and lie flush with the boot floor but there are more spacious options in this class.

'Quality hasn't always been Mazda's strong point but things have moved on and the 3 rivals anything in class.'

Front and side vision is fine but drivers will find that narrow rear windows annoyingly inhibit views.

The 1988cc engine produces 120ps at 6,000rpm and you can expect to get 55.4mpg on the combined cycle while only producing 119g/km of emissions.There's 0-62mph in 8.9seconds and a top speed of 121mph.

All versions come with six airbags, stability control and a tyre pressure-monitoring system. The 3 also achieved a maximum five-star rating in Euro NCAP crash tests.

Handling is OK but if I'm being really picky I'd have to say there are better performers in the class. There's some body roll and quite a bit of road noise too.

The test car had an on-the-road price of £19,395 but with metallic paint, leather interior and safety pack that price jumped up to over £23,000.

There's a lot of competitors in this sector but the Mazda3 is a genuine player and well worth the money.

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An electric heart for Kia's Soul

By David Banner

With the arrival this month of the Soul EV, Kia becomes one of only a handful of auto manufacturers offering a battery-electric car for sale in the UK. There is just one highly equipped model, priced at £24,995 after the government's £5,000 Plug-in Car Grant.

The Soul EV is the result of almost 30 years of research and development by Kia into the feasibility of electric cars. Now, with battery technology having reached a mature stage and emissions-based taxation providing an incentive for consumers to 'go electric', the time is right for the Soul EV. All those years of research have endowed the Soul EV with a range of up to 132 miles on a single charge.

Owners have the option of recharging the batteries from a standard domestic socket, via the Kia-branded wallbox supplied as standard with the Soul EV or at a public fast charger, or through a public rapid charger.

The Soul EV has a fun-to-drive character. Its electric motor develops 81.4 kilowatts – the equivalent of 109bhp in a combustion-engined model – with 285 Nm of torque available immediately upon drive-away. This makes the Soul EV particularly brisk in the kind of stop-start urban driving where it is designed to operate. It is also extremely smooth and silent – so quiet that it is fitted with a Virtual Engine Sound system at low speeds in both forward and reverse gears to alert pedestrians and cyclists that it is in the vicinity.

The Soul EV has a top speed of 90mph and can accelerate from 0-60mph in 10.8 seconds, so it is perfectly capable of keeping pace with the flow of urban traffic. Of greater relevance, it accelerates on the move, cruises and tackles gradients with minimal power usage, which all contribute towards its long range. It can climb slopes of up to one-in-three.

To help the driver maximise the car's range, the Soul EV has two different performance levels – DRIVE and BRAKE – both of which can additionally be operated in ECO mode as a further means of extending the car's range. The driver is therefore able to vary the recharging effect of the regenerative braking system and the performance of the car according to the requirements at any particular time. A 3.5-inch OLED (Organic Light Emitting Diode) information cluster monitors the driver's energy efficiency and displays the energy flow, battery level, charging time and the selected settings for the air conditioning system.

Outwardly

The Soul EV has an intelligent heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system which includes a heat pump to recycle air that has already been heated or cooled within the cabin.

Outwardly, the only obvious differences between the Soul EV and the models powered by internal combustion engines are the front end devoid of a radiator grille, the absence of a fuel filler flap and the unique rear light clusters. Fresh, funky, original and bold, the Soul EV – like its combustion-engined counterparts – has its roots in the Track'ster concept from the 2012 Chicago Auto Show.

Standard features include an eight-inch touch-screen with European mapping, traffic messaging channel, reversing camera and charging point locator; automatic air conditioning with the driver-only function; heated front seats; a smart key with a motor start-stop button; projection headlights with LED daytime running lamps; front foglamps; privacy glass on the rear windows and tailgate; 16-inch lightweight alloy wheels with super-low-rolling-resistance tyres; two charge points and the Heat Pump system. The car is also supplied with the wallbox charger and Virtual Engine Sound.

Also included in the standard specification are cruise control with a speed limiter, an electronic parking brake, front and rear electric windows, electrically folding adjustable heated door mirrors with LED indicators, solar glass for the windscreen and front windows, automatic light control with a follow-me-home function, LED rear combination and high-mounted brake lights, a 3.5-inch OLED supervision instrument cluster with specific EV information display, a trip computer, front speaker mood lights, driver's seat height adjustment, a heated steering wheel, front and rear parking sensors and a luggage cargo screen plus retaining net.

In-car entertainment includes a DAB RDS radio with MP3 compatibility, steering wheel-mounted controls, USB and AUX ports and Bluetooth with voice recognition and music streaming. Safety is taken care of by anti-lock brakes with emergency brake assist, electronic stability control, vehicle stability management, hill-start assist, emergency stop signalling, a tyre pressure monitoring system and six airbags.

The Soul EV is covered by Kia's seven-year/100,000-mile warranty, which includes all labour and parts except those subject to normal wear and tear. The warranty is transferable if the car is sold before the time/mileage limit expires.

It is available with Kia's Care-3 servicing package, which covers the cost of all routine maintenance – including parts and labour – for three years, at a cost of £199. Like the warranty, this can be transferred to any subsequent owner should the car be sold before the expiry date.

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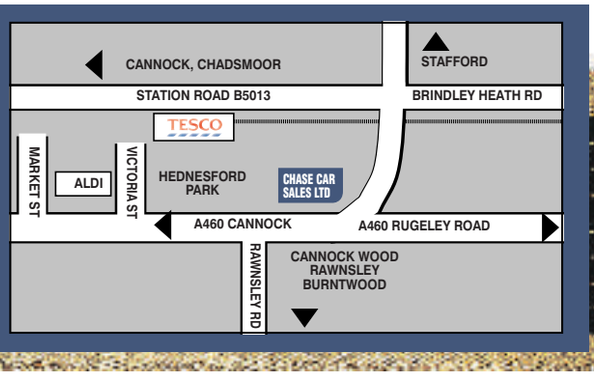

New engine for the Swift

By Graham Breeze

Suzuki is determined to strengthen its UK position with the January arrival of a new and much more efficient engine for Swift.

The company has recognised opposition growth in this lower end of the market with Fiesta and Corsa both boasting efficient one-litre alternatives and launched a new 1.2-litre petrol unit incorporating Suzuki's latest technology, utilising twin fuel injectors for improved fuel economy.

That means fewer trips to the petrol pump, startling fuel figures and emission levels lower than the vehicle excise charge level.

The new technology, known as Dualjet, has resulted in Swift boasting 65.7mpg on the combined fuel consumption cycle, representing a 16 per cent improvement over the current petrol engine.

Another benefit of Dualjet technology is reduced CO2 emissions of 99g/km, meaning that Swift models with this engine are now exempt from VED (Vehicle Excise Duty) charges.

Outwardly the test car looked no different and to be honest it was impossible to tell it apart from the current petrol model – the only difference will be in the driver's pocket.

When the car arrives in showrooms in January it will cost you an extra £500 but owners will recoup the extra spend pretty quickly. Add the money you save on visits to the pumps to the £175 saving on excise licence costs and it makes sense to choose the new Dualjet model.

It's a complex system but the new technology positions the fuel injectors closer to the engine inlet valves allows for a finer fuel mixture which provides a more effective transfer into the cylinder. Internal modifications to the engine include the use of a new type of inlet port and combustion chamber with other mechanical parts also modified to reduce frictional losses and provide smoother running.

The maximum power output is 90PS versus 94PS for the current petrol engine with a slightly increased torque figure of 120Nm at 4,400rpm versus 118Nm at 4,800rpm.

Other modifications include slight alterations to gear ratios for greater flexibility on the road, and the addition of Engine Auto Stop Start (EASS).

The new Dualjet technology for Swift will initially be available as an optional engine choice on SZ4 two wheel drive models.

There are, of course, better equipped opponents to Swift and while you get what you pay for with this model inside the cabin there's a dynamic feel and attractive black seats with colour-coding stripes.

Global sales of Swift have now passed the four million mark since launch in 2004 – 18 months after the celebration of three million units. Launched in the UK in May 2005; more than 90,000 Swifts have been sold and now account for around 30 per cent of the UK sales mix.

Since June 2014 all Swift models are fitted as standard with LED daytime running lights and front fog lights. A gear shift indicator was also added on manual models to help aid fuel efficiency as well as a Tyre Pressure Monitor System.

'It was impossible to tell it apart from the current petrol model – the only difference will be in the driver's pocket.'

Swift is available in four clearly defined specification grades, SZ2, SZ3, SZ4 plus Swift Sport; in addition to seven airbags and ESP as standard, SZ2 has front passenger airbag deactivation facility, electric front windows, remote central door locking with deadlocks, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors.

There's a MP3/WMA compatible CD tuner with USB port and steering wheel mounted audio controls. SZ3 adds air conditioning, 16-inch alloy wheels, an integrated audio unit with bluetooth connectivity, including music streaming facility.

Since June, SZ4 models are equipped with navigation and DAB digital radio as standard which adds to the already high specification that includes automatic air conditioning, electric rear windows, rear privacy glass, push button keyless start, automatic headlamps, cruise control and mirrors with integrated turn indicators.

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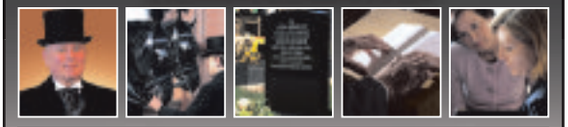

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Family flowers only but donations would be appreciated for The Stroke Association, c/o

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Arthur John

(Joe)

Formerly of Rugeley, Staffs, passed peacefully away, Sunday, November 23, 2014, aged 88 years.

Devoted Husband of the late Margaret and dearly loved Father of Karen (Burris), Annette (Donnelly) and Susan (Swenson), loving Grandfather of Jackson, Chloe, Cecilia, Adam, Grace, Sebastian and Maxwell, and Great-Grandfather of Abel and Oliver, and greatly missed Brother of Gwen Smith.

Service will be held Wednesday, December 10, 1.30pm, at Stafford Crematorium.

Floral tributes and donations in aid of Friends of the Peak District c/o

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GREEN

Leslie Alan

(Alan)

Sadly passed away on November 24, 2014.

Beloved Husband of Joan, Dad to Anita, Kevin and Sharon and devoted Grandad to Simon, Ashley, Joshua and Jessica.

His Funeral is to be held Friday, December 5, at 11.00am at Stafford Crematorium.

All flowers welcome, but donations, if preferred to the Chemotherapy Ward, Stafford Hospital. c/o

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GROVES

Florence Mary

Late of Horsefair Care Home, Rugeley, passed away peacefully on November 26, aged 85 years.

Will be missed by all Family and Friends.

Funeral Service will take place at Stafford Crematorium, on Friday, December 12, at 2.30pm.

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Donations if desired to The British Red Cross c/o

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HALFORD

Beryl

Of Cannock, passed away on Sunday, November 30, 2014, aged 80 years, devoted Wife of Gordon and beloved Mom of Tony and Joanne and reunited with Mick also a loving Nan and Friend.

Fortified by the Rites of the Holy Church.

All Funeral details from Funeral Directors.

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HOLLIDAY

Jack

Passed away on November 29, 2014, at Katherine House Hospice.

Beloved Husband of Anne and adored Dad and Grandad.

Service to be held at Stafford Crematorium, on Wednesday, December 10, at 3.30pm,

By request no flowers, any donations kindly received for Blind Veterans UK.

You slipped away, we had to part, God eased your pain and broke our hearts.

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KENT

Wallis Henry

Passed away November 23, 2014, aged 88.

He will be very sadly missed by all Family and Friends.

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LEESON

June

nee Izon

Passed away after a long illness, on November 20, 2014.

She will be sadly missed by her many Friends and Family.

June's Funeral will be held at Stafford Crematorium on Tuesday, December 9, at 11am.

Reception afterwards will be at the Colliers, at Rugeley, WS15 2ET.

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LESTER

Ruth

nee Griffiths

Of Hednesford.

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McGINNIS

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MORLEY

Margaret

Sadly passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2014, aged 86 years.

The Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, December 10, at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Hallcourt Crescent, Cannock, at 10.30am, followed by the Interment at Great Wyrley Cemetery, Station Street, Cheslyn Hay.

Flowers welcome, donations, if desired, can be made to The Acute Stroke Unit at New Cross Hospital, c/o

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENT

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Please note that the deadline for our weekly Cannock Chronicle is 11.30am every Tuesday for the same weeks edition.

CHRISTMAS DEADLINES

Thursday, December 18.

There will be no publication.

Thursday, December 25.

Deadline Wednesday, December 17, at 2.30pm.

Thursday, January 1

Deadline Monday, December 22, at 11am.

ONAWAY

Brady

Of Cannock.

Passed away peacefully at Western Care Home, after a long illness on Saturday, November 29, 2014, aged 86 years.

Reunited with Husband Bobby.

A beloved Mom, Gran, Great-Gran, Sister, Sister-in-law, Mother-in-law and Friend.

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Of Huntington

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ROSTANCE

Raymond

Passed away peacefully at The Old Rectory Residential Home, on Tuesday, November 19, 2014, aged 94 years.

The Funeral Service is to take place on Thursday, December 11, 2014, at 12.30pm.

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Winnie

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Funeral Service at Chadsmoor Methodist Church, Monday, December 8, 11.15am, followed by Cremation at Stafford.

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in memoriam

ROUTLEY

Sylvia Rose

December 5, 2013.

She was a wonderful Wife and Mother to us all.

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Loving Husband Ernest, Sons Paul, Mark, Christopher, Pauline and Jeanette and Friends.

acknowledgements

HAYNES

Eileen

Sisters Beryl, Mary and Phyllis, thank Family and Friends, for flowers, cards and donations of £250 sent to Macmillan UK, also Bryn Wellings for a lovely Service and Stacey's for their care on the loss of our loving Sister Eileen.

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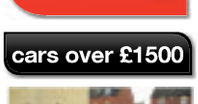

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Staffordshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004
The staffordshire county council (cannock chase) (civil enforcement of parking) (prohibition and restriction of waiting and loading and parking places) (conversion) order 2009 (amendment) no. 23/20Xx

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3. This Order will amend the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009.
4. This Order will be called the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 (Amendment) No. 23/20xx.
5. This Order will amend the Plans which form part of the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 by the addition of a new plan marked BI 233.
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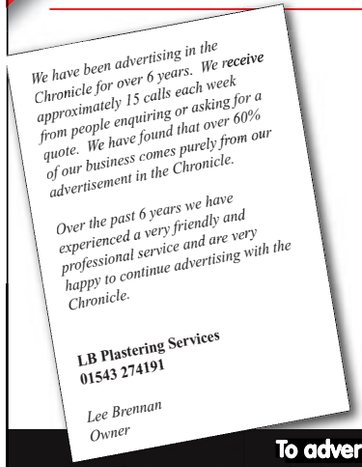

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Police club is calling for rematch

RUGELEY Police Boxing Club are chasing a rematch for Morgan Jones after screaming daylight robbery in the England Development junior championships, *writes Craig Birch*.

Jones scored a knock down in the first round, a standing count in the second and yet lost on a split decision in the national quarter-finals.

Saturday's 70kg contest came in Class A, for boxers born in 1999 who have had two to 10 bouts, at the Walkden Sixth Form Centre in Greater Manchester.

The 15-year-old, a Hagley Park Academy, heeded the lessons of starting slow after a performance that nearly cost him dear in the last phase.

This time he was on the wrong end of the division between the judges, which seemed unlikely after the early stages against James Button, from Sileby in Leicestershire.

His hammer right hand dumped Button on the canvas in round one, before the same shot forced the referee to step in and make him answer the count.

Button went in to a hyperbole of a survival mode and forced Jones onto the backfoot, winning the last session.

Ladies push the leaders all the way

Cannock Ladies 1sts 0
Brooklands Poynton Ladies 1sts 2

Hockey

CANNOCK pushed the league leaders all the way in their last match before the mid-season break.

The home team began well, weathering the storm of their visitor's early pressure and demonstrating a competitive edge that matched that of their opponents.

It was unlucky that they found themselves one down at half time but for much of the second half, they went toe-to-toe with Brooklands forcing one fine save from the Manchester side's ex-GB keeper before seeing a shot hit the side of the goal. It was typical of Cannock's season that when the break came it went to the visitors whose second goal settled their nerves shortly before the end. Cannock's skipper Sarah Martin led by example as their player of the match.

Cannock Ladies 2nds 1
Loughborough Students Ladies 2nds 2
Cannock Ladies 3rds 6
W-ton & Tettenhall Ladies 1sts 0

In the final game of the first half of the season – it was a big psychological game in Cannock's season as they lost 8-1 to W&TS last campaign.

Cannock started the game in a nervous fashion, passes were being misplaced and pressure was clear for all to see however, when Jude Hitchens fired the ball into the corner of the goal, Leah Smith got an extra touch on it to see it past the home keeper and put Cannock into the lead. At this point Cannock started to manage themselves and the game much better.

An excellent short corner finish from Jude Hitchens, another Holly Dean top corner deflection and a Leah Smith hat-trick saw Cannock eventually ease past the hosts with a 6-0 win.

This is a big moment in Cannock season, the girls have now played every side and recorded eight wins and a draw in nine games. Promotion is the target .

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Brads is likely to be back for cup

TOP scorer Tom Bradshaw will return from injury for Walsall's big cup clash at Tranmere next week to hand a big boost to a side that boss Dean Smith admits are lacking goals.

Walsall continued to plug on gamely without their nine-goal leading marksman by claiming a point in a goalless draw at Coventry on Saturday.

But it was the seventh time in ten games they have failed to score when Bradshaw has been missing.

And Smith admitted the striker's upcoming return after almost a month out with a hamstring problem will be a welcome one.

Smith said: "We know there's a lack of goals and that becomes a concern if you are not creating chances.

"But we keep creating chances – we are just not taking them at the moment. It's another point, five games unbeaten and a number of clean sheets among them and we've got Tom coming back for the next game against Tranmere as well – so things are on the up for us.

"Tom will definitely be back for the next game," he confirmed.

Bradshaw has an extra few days to work back to full fitness.

Daventry get Burnt in second half blast

Burntwood 28 Daventry 6

BURNTWOOD reached the last eight of the Midlands Senior Vase after a second half performance against Daventry outfit.

Rugby

On a murky old day with little in the way of wind it never really got light and the match was played under floodlights from the off. No side really got the better of their opposition in the first 40 minutes both playing direct running rugby both having well-organised defences.

The home side took the lead with an early penalty on five minutes with Will Peach converting but 10 minutes later Daventry levelled up with a penalty of their own to make, Ben Holt received a yellow card and 10 minutes in the sin bin.

With Holt back on he made a good break resulting in a penalty and a very nice kick in to the corner from Peach.

From the lineout good driving pressure from Douglas, Ruckyard and Gozukucuk resulted in a penalty under the posts converted by Peach 6-3.

In the remaining 15 minutes of the first half, both sides made inroads into the opposition midfield with Burntwood playing their best running rugby for a few weeks and in particular the powerful Gozukucuk.

Daventry's forwards rucked well and the backs moved the ball swiftly out to the wing looking dangerous but gave away a penalty in the home sides 22.

With the match opening up Burntwood were straight back on the attack and Charlie Liggins made an excellent break only to be thwarted under the posts by some great defence. A half time score of 6-3 seemed little reward for both sides who were trying to play open running rugby.

In the second half a good take and offload by Canning Burntwood moved the ball to the wing and a nice chip from Dunet allowed Holt to pounce but was spear tackled on the 22 .

This resulted in a yellow card for the Daventry player and another three points from the boot of Peach.

As in the first half the Northamptonshire outfit fought back and good pressure from their forwards earned a penalty converted.

The final 20 minutes was as good as Burntwood have played all season.

The home forwards who had rucked well all afternoon provided a platform for the backs who's handling skills were excellent and three great tries from Ruckyard, Liggins and Holt, two of which were converted by Peach resulted in a convincing 28-6 win. It will now be hoped Burntwood can keep this form when meeting Harborne.

One of Burntwood's try scorers Charlie Liggins being pursued by the Daventry defence

Match ref moved to fourth spot

MIKE Jones has been handed fourth official duty for Villa's clash with Leicester on Sunday following his testing afternoon in Manchester City's 3-0 victory at Southampton.

Referee Jones booked City striker Aguero for diving at St Mary's, despite the Argentina hitman being clearly upended by Jose Fonte.

Jones produced a mixed display at best, also bringing back play for a Saints offside offence despite City defender Eliaquim Mangala launching a dangerous attack. Southampton were also left frustrated by a yellow for Victor Wanyama's tackle on Yaya Toure, where the hosts felt the Kenya midfielder took the ball.

One-man team tag is denied

JAMES CHAMBERS has rejected the suggestion Walsall are a one-man team.

The veteran defender insists the Saddlers can cope without top scorer Tom Bradshaw despite winning only one of the eight league games the striker has missed with a hamstring injury.

Manager Dean Smith has also been without last year's player of the season Sam Mantom for almost the entire campaign but while Chambers admits both are talented players, he claims there are others in the squad who should be capable of stepping up at every position.

"They are very good players but we are not a one-man team," he said.

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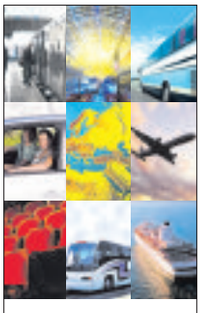
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Victoria victorious after toppling Oak

Cannock Chase Football League
Cannock Chase Cup Round Three

FIRST Division Victoria knocked out last season's finalists Ridware Oak of the Premier League 2-1.

Lee Thomas opened the scoring, Ridware equalised. In extra time Lee Charlesput the Vic into the quarter finals through a penalty.

First Division Talbot went a goal down to Second Division King George's but recovered to win 5-3.

Ryan Wilkins and Dan Langley scored two with one from Dan Jones. .

Football

Colliers Arms knocked out AFC Victoria 6-0 thanks to two goals from Mike Barton and a goal each for Nick Mallard, Rich Newell, Luke Russell and Jay Holdcroft with Luke Bolas the Man of the Match.

Brereton Lion knocked out Bridgtown Social after yet again going behind before recovering and going on to win.

Brereton Town Cup Quarter Finals

A James McKenzie hat-trick sent Hawkins Sports into the Semi-finals after they knocked out last seasons finalists Littleton 3-1.

Three times winners Belt Road knocked out First Division Nelson Inn 5-4 on penalties after drawing 3-3. James Roberts scored the winning penalty.

Premier League

Harrisons climb to third after beating Brereton Town 4-1. CK77 beat Dynamo Lamb 4-2.

Division One

Bar Sports climb to sixth with a thumping 4-0 win over Wyrley Juniors. Wheatsheaf beat Crystal Fountain 6-0.

Division Two

Winding Wheel beat Bell & Bottle 7-2 .

Bow Street beat AFC Social 8-1. Cheslyn Hay won the local derby against Hawkins Inex 4-1. Miners Rest beat Trafalgar 3-2. Slade beat Jubilee 6-1.

Division Three

Essington beat Glasswork 3-1 with a Luke Speed penalty and Ben Patten and Ash Newman goals.

The Castle beat Bridge 2-1 to complete the double over them.

Green Heath go top after beating Cannock Rgs 3-1.

Jackett in battle cry as team is stung

KENNY Jackett admits Wolves must come out fighting if they are to arrest their alarming slide.

Saturday's 4-0 loss at Brentford was the club's fourth defeat on the spin and the head coach conceded some players are struggling for both confidence and form.

But he wants to see them ready to battle when fourth-placed Bournemouth, who are unbeaten in 11 games, visit Molineux this coming weekend.

"It has needed that over the last few weeks," he said. "We have needed to roll our sleeves up, battle, and recognise what is going wrong.

"It is about making sure that by the time next Saturday comes, we do the basics a lot better than we have.

"We are going to come out fighting and make sure we do that against Bournemouth at home."

Once again Jackett was left fuming with his team's defending at Griffin Park. Wolves have now conceded 14 goals on their losing run, as they have tumbled from third to twelfth in the table.

"You need to defend with more awareness and better than we did," he added. "It is a very tough division ."

Scholars' trophy run brought to an end

Spennymoor 3 Chasetown 0

SPENNYMOOR Town made light work of knocking Chasetown out of this season's FA Trophy.

The Durham side started well and gave Chasetown an early warning when the pacey Gavin Cogdon out-stripped full-back Jermaine Johnson and shot a whisker over the crossbar.

And they took a deserved lead in the 14th minute when Cogdon again outpaced the Chasetown defence and then drilled the ball low past goalkeeper John Bateman.

Within a minute from the first score, Spennymoor had doubled their advantage when an unmarked Nathan Fisher headed beyond the reach of Bateman.

The hosts did have further chances to increase their lead over Chasetown but eventually they sealed the game and made it 3-0 four minutes before half-time when Shane Henry slotted the ball past an advancing Bateman who was not having the best of days.

Ten minutes after the break, man of the match Cogdon broke through the visitors' rearguard and beat Bateman, but this time his shot came back off the post giving Chasetown some respite.

The Chasetown goalkeeper, who was having a busy time of it, then made further saves to deny the other goalscorers Henry and Fisher widening the gap between the two teams.

Chasetown's best effort came midway through the half when Richard Davies forced a save out of Adam

Football

McHugh but by then the game was already won and there was really no way back for The Scholars.

Knowing this was the case the home side rested two of their goal scorers realising that the game was out of the Scholars reach and the Moors were making sure they kept well on top of proceedings.

Spennymoor didn't rest on their laurels and kept looking for even more goals one of which could have come from a great cross from Stephen Capper which was headed goalwards by Joseph Tait but again Scholars' Bateman was equal to the effort of saving his team from any further scores.

Spennymoor Town: McHugh, Griffiths, Mason, Dodds, Tait, Capper, McReady, Henry, Fisher (Ward, 65), Cogdon (Roberts, 62). Peacock (Green, 78). **Subs:** Johnson, Stephenson.

Chasetown: Bateman, J Johnson, Beckett, Slater, Miles, Downes, Brown (Robinson, 67), Parsons, Wellecomme (Waite, 78), Davies, Edwards (McDonald, 60).

Subs: Evans, Griffiths.

John Bateman makes one of many fine saves but the homeside did manage to get three through to beat Chasetown

Lockmen hold on to share the points

Malvern Town 1
Willenhall Town 1

THE Lockmen had to dig deep but they got the point they deserved away to title-chasing Malvern Town.

Both sides had missed early chances before The Reds took a 10th minute lead through Mikey Clark.

A superb ball from Matt Dove from centre midfield to the right wing was allowed to bounce once before the young winger launched a ferocious drive that rocketed into the far top corner of the net.

Matt Turner shot wide and home skipper Lee Hooper forced a fine save from Ben Holden before the visitors attacked, first through Harry Rickus, who turned two defenders inside out on the goal line before stepping back inside and hitting the side-netting.

Ben Holden then made another good save in first-half injury-time, again standing up and blocking with his foot.

The home side were level from out of nowhere on 66 minutes when Harry Wickett hit an absolute screamer from 25 yards that flew past Ben Holden.

The goal gave the home side hope and they dominated the latter stages as Willenhall seemed to tire.

Decision goes awry for Mansell

GREAT Wyrley ABC's Jamie Mansell continues to impress and disappoint in equal measures.

One day he looks a potential Champion, the next a first fight novice. Unfortunately the latter appeared at Donnington Ex-Servicemen's Club on Friday as he dropped a unanimous point's decision to Donnington's Abdul Rascol.

Mansell just never got going in this three, two minute rounds Welterweight contest, allowing Rascol to beat him to the punch time and again throughout the contest, whilst only showing glimpses of his potential.

Mansell's next outing is against Bradie Perkins at Hinckley Football Club on Friday December 12.

Single shot sinks the Saddlers

Wigan 1 Walsall 0

ONE-TIME Wolves target Andy Delort scored the only goal as Walsall's second string were beaten at Wigan.

The 23-year-old French striker netted on the stroke of half-time to hand the Latics victory against a Saddlers XI which included first team defender's James O'Connor and Mal Benning along with forward Mathieu Manset.

Wigan carved out early chances for Matthew Hamilton, Delort and Oriol Riera, but narrow misses and a couple of good saves from visiting keeper Craig MacGillivray kept the scores level.

Delort scored with a left-footed shot.

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Taylor is keeping outlook positive

DEFENDER Andy Taylor says Walsall have never been concerned about a relegation battle and insists: "It's time to start looking up, not down."

Just over a month ago the Saddlers were second-bottom of League One but three wins and two draws in an unbeaten five-match league run has propelled them up to 13th.

They are still only four points off the drop zone in a congested bottom half but, after taking another point at Coventry on Saturday, Taylor is looking upward. The left-back said: "As a squad, we weren't worried, which is the main thing. We were always confident.

"At that stage, we didn't have the points on the board that the performances deserved but we knew eventually they would start coming.

"At the time we had quite a few lads out injured and obviously a lot of them are back fit now – and Bradders (top scorer Tom Bradshaw) coming back soon will give us a boost as well.

"So it's looking good at the minute and this league is about consistency. If you can put a consistent run of results together, as we have done recently, and stay unbeaten for a decent period of time, you will climb the table, it's inevitable."

Blues keep unbeaten run

Blues 2 Nottingham 1

BLUES beat Nottingham Forest 2-1 in a frantic finish at St Andrew's to increase their unbeaten run to five games under Gary Rowett.

Birmingham appeared to be coasting to a comfortable win following David Cotterill's first-half strike when Britt Assombalonga grabbed a fine equaliser in the 84th minute.

Paul Caddis scored from the spot sending goalkeeper Karl Darlow the wrong way.

The opening goal came unexpectedly in the 10th minute with no apparent danger to Forest's defence.

Cotterill gained possession on the edge of the area and produced a speculative left-footed swinging shot which he arrowed into the top far corner of the net.

Boosted by the goal, Birmingham strived to increase their lead. Caddis sealed the win.

Men's hockey squad grab vital three points

Cannock 2 Brooklands 1

Hockey

CANNOCK secured a vital three points in the NOW: Pensions Men's Premier Division at the weekend.

Having, disappointingly, drawn at home to Brooklands earlier in the season, Cannock were determined to take all the points in the return fixture.

The first 15 minutes were even with neither side creating many chances.

Then Cannock suffered a blow when Tom Morris was carried off with an ankle injury. The game then opened up. Crosses were fired across the goal mouth at both ends but the forwards failed to pounce on them. After 20 minutes, Cannock's South African International Jethro Eustice, fired home a drag flick, from a short corner, into the roof of the net, to put the Chase Park side in the lead.

This only spurred Brooklands into more direct action and they peppered the Cannock goal with shots. Three times Cannock cleared their lines but failed to nullify the danger, allowing Brookland's Oliver Clements to score. The second half saw similar end to end play. Cannock were reduced to 10 men when Louie Morris was green carded.

This allowed Brooklands to force a penalty corner. Ex-Cannock player Peter Flanagan drove a flick goalward, only for him to be denied by the post.

Brooklands had further chances, Cannock similarly squandered chances. After a fine interchange of passes down the right flank Cannock opened up the Brookland's defence to provide Dave Harris with Cannock's second goal. Brooklands had two players yellow carded in the final minutes which allowed Cannock to keep possession, run out the game and move up to sixth in the league.

Cannock's Second Team were at home, also playing Brooklands in the English Hockey Second Team Cup and emerged victorious with a 5-0.

Two goals came from Aaron Wilkes and further goals from Chris Beck, Guy Sheldon and Callum Stacey sealed the win. This was preceded by a Midlands League 3-6 win over Birmingham University on Saturday.

Cannock Thirds won 4-2 win over Boots.

PITMEN'S RUN IN CUP FYLDE AWAY

AFC Fylde 3 Hednesford Town 2

HEDNESFORD Town's hopes of an extended run in the FA Trophy have been extinguished.

Despite a double from striker Danny Glover it wouldn't be enough to earn the Pitmen anything as they travelled to the Fylde Coast for the second time this season.

Football

Following a morale boosting victory in midweek, Hednesford started very much on the back foot as the home side attacked and it came as no surprise when Fylde took the lead in the 11th minute.

After the first attempted cross was blocked the second one found the unmarked Josh Wilson who headed home past Dan Crane.

Pinged

The Pitmen responded well to this though and they saw half a chance come and go in the 20th minute.

Following a free kick being cleared the ball was pinged back in to Steve Diggin but the striker slipped just as he was in the process of shooting e.

Undeterred Hednesford continued to press and equalised in the 23rd minute. Following a maze-like run by Jamey Osborne, a free kick was awarded 25 yards out and Glover stepped up to curl home a beautiful effort into the top corner past goalkeeper Ben Hinchliffe.

The game was now end-to-end and there would be a frantic finish to the first period with both sides having chances to take the lead. First Glover saw a low shot saved in the 41st minute, before Francino Francis headed wide inside the box.

From that resulting goal kick Hinchliffe found the unmarked Danny Lloyd and the strikers shot hit the post before Crane made a good follow-up save.

That wasn't the end of the action as a minute before the break Jamie Allen broke clear but he was denied by Crane with Wilson pulling the rebound wide as the sides went in level at the break.

Five minutes into the second period the home side were back ahead as they were awarded a penalty after Francis brought down Wilson inside the box.

Richie Allen made no mistake from the spot.

It looked to be game over in the 59th minute as a whipped cross from Richie Allen found Lloyd who slid the ball from 12 yards out.

Hednesford were able to grab a lifeline in the 76th minute with a penalty. Glover sent Hinchliffe the wrong way to give the travelling supporters hope of a comeback. Hednesford next travel to Leamington.

Francino Francis and Richard Batchelor put pressure on the Fylde defence

10-man Hayes shutout

Heath Hayes 0
Kirby Muxloe 4

HAYES reduced to 10 men knew it was going to be an uphill struggle when they went 1-0 down to a penalty.

In the second half both sides had chances but the last 10mins saw Hayes tire and concede three more goals.

Heath Hayes 1
Causeway 1

HEATH Hayes continued their improved form to take a point from mid-table Causeway, but they had a good chance to take all three when Causeway were reduced to 10 men with Jack Pearman sent off for a dangerous tackle

Both sides had first half chances but could not find a breakthrough with both keepers staying comfortable. A terrific shot from Daniel Priest came back off the crossbar

The second half kicked off when full back Harry Phillips carried the ball into the Causeway half and hit an unstoppable shot from 40 yards that left Tom Turner with no chance

After 55 minutes Dreniz Bala found the corner of the net giving Matt Cottrell no chance

Seconds enjoy the victory

THERE was no 1st XV game at the weekend due to a reserved week but the Seconds comfortable beat Stoke and theThirds beat Burton Vets.

This week the Firsts travel to Longton and then the week after the league game against Nuneaton at home is on the Friday December 13 at 7.45pm.

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